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Jobless foreign workers and caregivers prepare for worst

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Rowena Dimalanta, 38, lost her fulltime job in 2009 and hasn't had luck finding a new one given the CNMI's shrinking economy. If she does not find a job between now and the Nov. 27 deadline set by the newly-released Commonwealth-only worker rule, she could face deportation and be forced to leave behind her two minor U.S. citizen children with their father who is also a nonresident worker.

» As DPH nurses look forward to H1-B visa application

"I want my family to stay together. What will happen to us if my mom goes home?" asked her 9-year old son John Willard.

Dimalanta, along with many others with U.S. citizen children, has been hoping that Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's H.R. 1466 will be passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Obama before Nov. 27, but time is running out fast.

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'Inos wasn't under pressure to sign Public Law 17-51'

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Press secretary Angel A. Demapan said the Fitial administration wasn't under any pressure to approve Public Law 17-51, or the beneficiaries' derivative act, that was signed by the Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos S. last week.

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Demapan made this clarification in reaction to claims that the then acting

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Walkers of all ages yesterday make their way to the American Memorial Park for the Freedom Walk which commemorated the 10th year anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of civilians, first responders, and volunteers in New York City, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The walk, which started at the Garapan Fishing Base, was organized by the National Disaster Preparedness and the 10th year September 11th Commemoration Committee.

Freedom Walk commemorates 10th year of 9/11

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This year's Freedom Walk which commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 events drew more participation from a community that joined hands in memory of all first responders, service members, and civilians who were victims to these terrorist acts.

Spearheaded by the National Disaster Preparedness and the 10th year September 11th Commemoration Committee, the walk yesterday began at around 6pm at the Garapan Fishing Base and ended at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater where a brief ceremony was held and attended by federal and local government officials.

Marvin K. Seman, special assistant for homeland security under the Office of the Governor, said that described this year's walk's turnout as "very great."

"Every year, it keeps getting bigger and bigger," he said in an interview after

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No shutdown if Senate and House agree on 'zero' allocation for lawmakers, leadership

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If what Senate and House members have been saying the past few days about agreeing on "zeroing out" the Senate and House leadership allocation and the individual lawmakers' allocation is true, then there might not be another partial government shutdown this time around.

This is because even before the Senate could pass the fiscal year 2012 budget bill, House members have already expressed support to the Senate's proposed amendments of zeroing out these two accounts.

If the Senate passes the amended budget bill tomorrow, the measure goes back to the House.

Unless additional issues are raised and political bickering kicks in, the House and Senate could once again have a budget deadlock that will lead to non-

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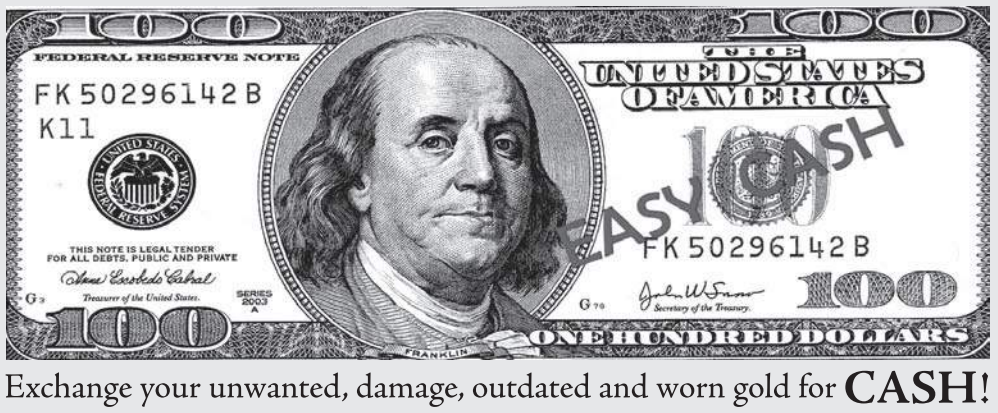

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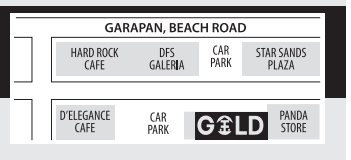

Sandy Beach Homes now accepting applications

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Bob Jones of Sandy Beach Homes LLC, standing left, talks about the many features and amenities of the CNMI's first affordable housing project to avail of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, as other company officials and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial listen during the topping off ceremony held Friday afternoon.

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Beginning today, applications will be accepted from qualified tenants for Sandy Beach Homes, the first low-income housing project in the CNMI to avail of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

An open house event was held Saturday so that members of the community can take a look at the two model units.

Michael S. Sablan of Sandy Beach Homes LLC said in an interview that they hired the services of Catherine Rosario Perry to act as their leasing agent for the 60-unit housing project that is scheduled to be completed by December.

"All interested or prospective applicants, please call our leasing agent so they can come in and take a look at our units," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* at the roof topping off ceremony last Sept. 9.

Sablan added that applicants can also download application forms or get more information about Sandy Beach Homes through their website, www.sandybeachhomes.net.

Sandy Beach Homes LLC managing member Bob Jones and other officials, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, representatives of the Legislature, the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., and other government agencies attended Friday's event, which ended up with only a brief program and the viewing of the model units due to heavy rains during the ceremony.

Fitial, in his remarks, described Sandy Beach Homes as an "unprecedented" project. Aside from taking advantage of the LIHTC program, the $28.2-million project has also spurred economic development in the Commonwealth and created permanent employment opportunities.

Jones said Sandy Beach Homes units feature Energy Star appliances; double-paned, insulated windows; solar hot water system; reverse osmosis system for drinkable water; ceramic tiles; cable ready units; typhoon shutters; and ocean view balcony.

Other amenities include trash chutes on every floor, covered and off-street parking, back-up water supply and generator, two elevators in the building, security cameras, and its central location.

"All the things that you have in your homes or would like to have in your model homes are in these units… We're doing this in a way that would make us all proud," said Jones.

Sablan emphasized that U.S. citizenship is not a requirement for individuals who are interested in dwelling in Sandy Beach Homes.

"As long as the tenant is on island with legal status, they qualify," he said.

According to Sablan, interested applicants can also form a household and share one unit. "House members don't have to be related to each other. Two families can pool their resources together and share a three-bedroom unit as long as they meet the income eligibility and household limit," he explained.

Maximum household annual income per household is capped at $28,620 for two persons; $32,220 for three persons; $35,760 for four persons; $38,640 for five persons; and $41,520 for six persons.

Sablan noted that the low-income eligibility is within a 15-year compliance period as "required by the law that created this program."

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DUE TO OIL MANAGEMENT, CONTAMINATION ISSUES AT POWER PLANTS

EPA urges CUC to create oil management section

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recommended that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. develop an oil management section "given the extent and gravity of CUC's oil management and contamination issues at its power plant facilities."

EPA legal counsel Bradley R. O'Brien said the oil management section, to be led by a technical manager for oil (TMO), should be responsible for managing all oil operations and all associated facilities.

In his recent report filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, O'Brien said the new section should be created not only for purposes of compliance with EPA's stipulated order with CUC, but also on an ongoing basis.

He said CUC's current proposed reorganization plan indicates used oil management staffing as listed under power generation—fuel and supply, but that section does not discuss oil management needs and work units, nor are they shown on the organizational chart submitted by CUC.

O'Brien said while this section should have strong ties to CUC's Power Division, it is essential to have the managerial support so that its activities are not over-ridden by the operations management and staff.

O'Brien said the TMO position has been vacant since December 2010, and the past several months without a TMO, CUC has had a number of incidences involving unlawful oil spills, disposals, and open burning.

"It is critical for CUC to hire a qualified TMO who has the authority and experience to manager CUC's oil operations in a safe manner that protects public health and the environment and complies with all applicable legal requirements," he said.

O'Brien also expressed concern regarding the reporting structure for the TMO.

He said it is critical that the TMO report directly to the CUC executive director rather than to the deputy director for Power Division.

The EPA legal counsel cited that the recent oil noncompliance issues (such as unlawful open burning of used oil materials and spills etc.) highlight the need for providing the TMO which such authority.

O'Brien said although CUC has not confirmed it in writing, the utilities agency agreed in a recent conference call to modify its organization structure in accordance with EPA's views so that the TMO reports directly to the executive director.

In response to EPA's concerns on TMO hiring issue, CUC legal counsel Deborah E. Fisher said they are working with one candidate, which an offer being made and accepted.

"Final contract negotiations are ongoing and we expect resolution by the first week in September 2011," Fisher said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Ex-Tinian High teacher found guilty of sexually abusing minor student

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Jonathan M. Diaz, a 27-year-old former Tinian High School teacher accused of impregnating his then 16-year-old student, was found guilty on Friday of all three charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman found that the prosecution was able to present sufficient evidence to convict Diaz during a bench trial on Tinian that lasted only a day.

Wiseman set the sentencing for Nov. 10, 2011.

The offense of sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree carries a maximum imprisonment of five years.

Assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing prosecuted the case. Attorneys James Norita Camacho and Edward Arriola Sr. served as counsels for Diaz.

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that they respect the court's judgment and that they will be meeting with Diaz to discuss options.

"We will be meeting our client to prepare for the sentencing," Camacho said.

Camacho said Diaz is currently out on bail with conditions to comply, including stay away from the girl.

Police arrested Diaz in October 2010 after a Division of Youth Services officer came to Tinian Department of Public Safety to report a sexual abuse of a minor case involving Diaz.

A police officer stated in his report that the girl admitted that Diaz is her boyfriend and that the test indicated she's pregnant at the time.

The officer said the girl's mother was so upset and confronted Diaz, who then served as leadership instructor for the minor.

Diaz turned in his resignation shortly after the Tinian High School administration asked him in October 2010 about rumors circulating in the school at the time that he has a relationship with the student.

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people in the CNMI, including immediate relatives of U.S. citizens.

Elena Dariguez, 43, a caregiver, also fears being considered out-of-status and separated from her two minor children if she's unable to find a manpower agency to hire her.

The CW rule that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued on Sept. 7 does not allow individuals to hire foreign workers as caregivers. Only businesses can hire aliens as caregivers and for other kinds of household work.

Dariguez, just like the estimated 900-plus foreign caregivers and house workers in the CNMI, said she has yet to find a manpower agency that will petition for a CW status for her.

"If I go home with my children, they will lose their free education, their other privileges as U.S. citizens. And they already told me they want to stay in the CNMI because they said this is their home. They were born here and this is the only home they know. I don't want to be away from them either. I am a legal worker here, and I hope to be able to find a manpower agency to hire me before Nov. 27," she told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview on Saturday.

Justice delayed

Rudy Francisco, 50, has been without an employer since at least 2009 but like many other nonresident workers, he has been able to remain in the CNMI because of the so-called umbrella permit.

He, too, has difficulty finding a job given the economic conditions in the CNMI.

"If worse comes to worst, I am ready to go home. But it's unfair that after so many years, my former employer hasn't paid me some $25,000 in back wages and interests. My labor case is still in court," said the former security guard who, in 2002, was recognized by the Philippine government as one of the Ten Most Outstanding Filipino Workers in the CNMI.

Francisco is among the foreign workers in the CNMI still owed a total of some $6.1 million in back wages by their former employers.

"I always thought that the U.S. is a champion for human rights around the world, except in the CNMI. Many of the foreign workers here will be sent home without getting justice from the federal government," he said.

Some residents said with hundreds of foreign worker facing deportation, there will be more jobs that will become available for U.S. citizens. But none of them said they're willing to work as house workers.

Repatriation

Another 68-year-old jobless woman from the Philippines since 2004 said she's able to get by as a part-time house worker for $20 half-day, depending on who needs her service.

She said if she can't find a job by Nov. 27, she understands she has no choice but to leave the CNMI.

"But who's going to pay for my airfare to go back to the Philippines?" she asked.

Philippine labor representative Carmelina F. Velasquez, in a separate interview, said matters like this are dealt with on a case by case basis, although in general, people needing help are asked to submit a written request for assistance.

A 47-year-old woman from Guangdong, China said since she lost her job at a garment factory, it's been difficult to find a new job.

"My husband from China sends me money here," she said, adding that her former employer still owes her some $3,000 in unpaid wages. "There's many like me—Filipinos, Chinese."

A 52-year-old foreign worker said she has difficulty looking for a job, after quitting her employment when she got married to a man who later subjected her to domestic abuse.

"I'm a victim of domestic violence, and I'm trying to pull myself together again. If I don't find a job soon, I will be forced to go home. I would have liked to stay longer," she said.

These individuals are just some of the hundreds of foreign workers in the CNMI bracing for the impact of the CW rule that establishes a transitional worker classification for workers in the CNMI.

A foreign worker may be eligible for CW status if they do not qualify for a nonimmigrant or immigrant classification under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Only employers will be able to petition their employees for a CW status.

Foreign workers cannot apply for such a status.

'Parole in place'

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, which represents thousands of foreign workers in the CNMI, said he estimates hundreds, if not over a thousand, foreign workers have difficulty looking for jobs because of the weak economy.

He said with the Nov. 27 deadline drawing near to find jobs, many of these jobless individuals could be out-of-status.

"That is why we continue to ask President Obama to use his administrative power to grant parole-in-place for long-term foreign workers in the CNMI until the U.S. Congress takes action on the Interior recommendation to grant improved status to those workers who have been here for at least five years," Syed said in an interview yesterday.

Syed will be off to Washington, D.C. on Sept. 30 to personally bring to U.S. lawmakers and federal officials' attention the plight of several long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

"Like we said before, these workers came here legally. They have proper documentation and they are in the Social Security system. But because of the weak economy, they aren't able to look for jobs. If they have improved immigration status, specifically 'green card' or pathway to citizenship, their chances of finding a job is higher," he added.

Syed earlier raised concerns about the loss of status for immediate relatives of citizens from the Freely Associated States, as well as IRs for U.S. citizens.

These IRs could apply for a parole-in place for work authorization, or contact the USCIS for more information, Syed said.

Manpower agency

For caregivers and household workers who have valid CNMI work permits that will expire in less than three months, the race is up to find a manpower agency to hire them.

A U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services official said the CW rule provides for an opportunity for businesses in the CNMI to set up a manpower agency that will hire the available caregivers on the islands.

The CNMI has a strong need for caregivers because it has no nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said last week he will soon issue an executive order permitting individuals who pay for the care of another person, and who hire an alien for that purpose, to apply for a CNMI business license as a sole proprietor.

Businesses, such as the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, is carefully reviewing the CW rule to see how it impacts the business community, a big portion of it is reliant on nonresident workers.

While many businesses employ U.S. or resident workers, the local labor pool is not enough to fill the jobs currently held by foreign workers especially those in positions requiring special skills, specific educational degrees and work experience.

But a number of businesses have also started petitioning their employees for H, L, and other employment-based classifications under the INA.

Employers could also start petitioning their employees for a CW status starting on Oct. 7.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security estimates that 13,399 of 16,258 subject to the final rule are potentially eligible for CW status.

There are also 183 considered out-of-status foreign workers.

But Syed said after Nov. 27, there will be a lot more than 183 who will be out of status.

Government nurses

It's not only the private sector that is impacted by the CW rule, but also government nurses.

Some 200 nurses at the Department of Public Health are foreign workers from the Philippines who won't qualify for CW status because they qualify for an H1-B classification or others under the INA.

Foreign nurses interviewed during the weekend said they are still in limbo, because they haven't been applied for an H1-B status or visa by the CNMI government.

Most of DPH's foreign nurses from the Philippines have a four-year bachelor's degree, have NCLEX certification and sufficient work experience that qualify them for an INA visa, and not a CW visa.

Some of the nurses said the CNMI government could have applied for an H1-B visa for them long before the CW rule was released.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said DPH is aware of this matter, and will have information about it later. Public Health secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez could not be reached for comment.

DPH medical staff and nurses have set up an appointment with USCIS district director David Gulick on the matter.

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passage of a bill before the start of FY 2012 on Oct. 1.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said yesterday that he is confident the Senate will pass on Tuesday the budget bill that the House transmitted on Sept. 1.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) separately confirmed yesterday that her committee is almost done with the review of the budget bill, which will be amended to "zero out" the allocation for the leadership and individual members' allocations.

Taimanao said the money taken from the leadership and individual members' accounts will go toward the appropriations for the Northern Marianas College and the Public School System, as well as the Department of Public Safety.

She said the changes do not offer increased taxes for elected officials.

But the latter could be in the form of a floor amendment from Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan).

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and other House members separately said they agree with the Senate's proposal to zero out these accounts.

But some House members said zeroing out these accounts will hurt Rota and Tinian lawmakers more than their counterparts from Saipan.

If and when the Senate-amended budget bill passes and signed into law, members expect that there will only be a few sessions and meetings, and lawmakers will have to let go of their employees and most of the Legislative Bureau staffers.

This means lawmakers will only live with their constitutionally protected salaries of over $39,000 a year.

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governor was pressured to approve the legislation.

Demapan said the bill underwent a thorough review before it was enacted and that the Fitial administration heard both arguments for and against the bill.

"Lt. Gov. Inos reviewed the bill thoroughly, met with both opponents and proponents of the bill, and made an informed decision," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Public Law 17-51, which allows retirees and other Fund beneficiaries to take legal action on behalf of the NMI Retirement Fund when trustees who manage them refuse to bring such actions, was signed Sept. 5, which was a holiday. The governor had until Sept. 24 to act on the bill.

"Although the deadline is Sept. 24th, it does not necessarily mean the bill can only be signed that day. It just means that's the absolute last day to sign," he said, adding that bills have been signed the minute they were transmitted, days after, and even on the very last minute.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who was off-island last week, has reportedly promised the Fund officials that he will junk the bill as he was not in support of it. This was announced by the board of trustees in a recent board meeting.

Fund officials strongly opposed the passage of the beneficiaries' derivative act, citing the adverse impact it will bring to the pension program. Just a day after the law was signed, two money managers terminated their contracts with the Fund and the remaining managers, including its investment consultant Wilshire Associates, are expected to follow suit.

In Thursday's emergency meeting of the Fund board, members spent hours in executive session weighing their options on the said law. The sole agenda in the closed-door meeting was whether or not to challenge the law in court.

According to Demapan, the decision to challenge the beneficiaries' derivative law is all up to the Fund.

"That's a decision entirely up to the Fund. The justice system has served as an effective forum to determine the validity of laws," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fitial said last Friday that he's not happy that Inos signed the contentious bill affecting the Fund despite what he said was a previous agreement between him and Inos not to sign the measure. The governor said he talked about the derivative bill before he left for New Caledonia to spearhead the CNMI's bid to the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

A member of the House, Rep. George Camacho (Cov-Saipan), has offered to introduce an amendment to the newly signed law. He was among the members who opposed the bill.

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the ceremony that attracted spectators of different ages.

Glenn Deleon Guerrero, who works with the Transportation Security Administration, said he has joined the annual walk since it started 10 years ago.

"I think it's very important to remember what happened that day and all the innocent lives that were lost. And as we remember those tragic events, we build a stronger nation," said Deleon Guerrero.

Seventh grader Christine Kosam said her involvement in the annual walk shows that he sympathizes to all the people that got hurt in the 9/11 attacks.

"I always think that we should all walk together and participate in this Freedom Walk," she said.

Prince Factor, 14, said it's his first time to join the walk "to support all the 9/11 victims."

While last night's turnout was better than the previous years, Seman noted that there had always been support from various response agencies, local and federal law enforcement partners, the local American Red Cross, and other members of the community in the annual Freedom Walk.

"We have the support of the community who come out every year and they show their support especially to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom. I'm very honored to be a part of paying tribute and never forgetting what they've done for us, what they sacrificed so much for us," he told *Saipan Tribune*."

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, last night's keynote speaker, said in his remarks that the "gruesome attacks" shook even the Commonwealth, a remote territory of the U.S.

"We join the millions of fellow American citizens and many others throughout the world in commemorating the epic tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001. On this day, we come together to offer our solemn prayers to all the innocent victims and rescuers who perished due to the tragic incident of what has become known as the 9/11 attacks," he said.

Inos, who recognized all the first responders and volunteers during the Sept. 11 attacks, also acknowledged the 14 sons and daughters of the CNMI who were laid to rest due to the war on terror launched by the US after 9/11.

"They were sons and daughters of the [NMI] but more importantly, they were great soldiers and defenders of our freedom. Above all, they are our heroes and they will surely never be forgotten," he said.

Last night's ceremony featured a special Sept. 11 video tribute, a moment of silence to pray for all those who perished, followed by a 21-gun salute, the playing of Taps, and a final salute of sirens from all emergency responders.

CCA DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Min Seon Park, third from right, presents a donation check to the representation of the Commonwealth Cancer Association. The donation was a part of her "Community Service Award" which was sponsored by the Northern Marianas College Alumni Association. In the photo, from left, are CCA vice president Alex Sablan, CCA representative Maggie Camacho, CCA program manager Tina Sablan, Northern Marianas College Alumni Association president Jack Kiyoshi, and secretary John Manalo.

Chamber extends deadline for turning in wage survey forms to September 16

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce extended from Sept. 9 to 16 the deadline for submission of filled-out forms for its prevailing wage survey, giving businesses an extra week to participate.

Douglas Brennan, president of the business organization, said while the overall response has been good, several have asked for some additional time to fill out the form.

"In an effort to be as fair and impartial as possible, we have arranged to extend the submission deadline to September 16th," Brennan told Chamber members and guests at the general membership meeting on Wednesday.

Richard Pierce, the Chamber's executive director, said on Friday that over 400 companies expressed interest in participating in the wage survey. He said many turned in their filled out survey forms close to the original Sept. 9 deadline.

With an additional week to submit, the Chamber expects more will be able to participate in the survey, which is open to both Chamber members and non-Chamber members.

Non-Chamber members who want to participate in the survey are encouraged to call the Chamber at 233-7150 or email coordinator@saipan-chamber.com.

The Chamber contracted Guam Employers Council's Andy Andrus for its "2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries and Benefits."

Survey forms were distributed in end-July. Only those submitting completed survey responses to the Guam Employers Council will receive immediate access to the survey's final report.

While the survey results can be used for planning future employee salary and benefit packages, the Chamber accepted and is performing the survey primarily for assistance in determining prevailing wage rates for foreign workers in the CNMI while protecting local employees and their rightful jobs.

Those that will petition the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for employment visas under H-1 and H-1B categories will be able to use the material gathered by the Chamber's survey.

This survey will reflect the current real, economic climate in the CNMI, as opposed to that found in Los Angeles, Honolulu, or Guam, and as an extremely valuable tool in keeping the cost of business affordable in these challenging economic times.

The Chamber survey is separate from the one that the CNMI government is preparing.

Veterans outreach in September

Tina San Agustin, the Department of Veterans Affairs' legal administrative specialist for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Saipan on Sept. 28-29, 2011, for a Veterans Outreach on veterans' federal benefits. She will be also entertaining questions and assisting veterans and all concerned with their claims.

Agustin will be stationed at the Military and Veterans Affairs Office on Capitol Hill, building 1364, Saipan, from 8:30am to 4:30pm on both days.

For those who wish to make an appointment or for further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. ***(PR)***

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-055

Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for Power Division, Saipan, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office/warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed office space may be situated within or adjacent to the warehouse. The office/warehouse must have a loading dock and parking stalls that can accommodate over-sized heavy equipment (e. g. bucket trucks, augers and backhoes). Additionally, the proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

The RFP Packet and Specification may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 9, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-055, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space, Power Division-T&D" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM, (ChST) local time on September 20, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) local time on September 12, 2011** to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 11-GOV-121

Legal Services For
Water Task Force
(Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **August 15, 2011** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, August 24, 2011** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Legal Services", RFP 11-GOV-121** One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, September 14, 2011 (CNMI local time).**

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

Fund: NMI elected officials choose to ignore our pleas

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund and its board told *Saipan Tribune* that they are disheartened, alarmed, angry, and absolutely terrified that after tireless efforts from them, elected government officials continue to ignore the agency's advice and pleas for help to save the pension program.

This was in reaction to the signing into law of Public Law 17-51 last week, which is now being blamed in the termination of money managers' contract and the possibility of losing the plan's investment consultant, Wilshire Associates.

"Obviously the Legislature and other elected officials have not listened to the Fund's concerns before PL 17-51 became law. It has been extremely frustrating and costly for us to present the deteriorating financial situation of the Fund to them in many attempts to convince them to increase contribution amounts. They as a group simply don't hear the Fund's concerns," the Fund's management told *Saipan Tribune* in a statement yesterday.

The Fund said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial gave assurances that he will not approve the bill until all the Fund's concerns are addressed. In a separate meeting with the Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Fund officials also disclosed yesterday that he also gave assurances that he is aware of the Fund's concerns and that he is interested in hearing the concerns raised by the Fund's investment consultant, all the money managers, and the actuary.

"It was with great surprise on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011 when the Fund received word that the bill was signed into law. The Fund then began preparations for the onslaught of turmoil it anticipated on happening if this bill ever became law. To date, we have received notifications of cancelled contracts," said the Fund, alluding to Stralem & Company and BlackRock Inc.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Fund was first made aware of the derivative bill when former house speaker, Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), requested Fund administrator Richard Villagomez to meet with him and the House leadership 30 minutes before their session in October 2010. In fact, the Fund said, Tenorio and company even faxed a copy of the derivative bill to the agency for its review.

During the meeting, Tenorio advised the Fund that the Senate had already passed the bill on first and final reading and the Senate further advised the House leadership that they consulted the Fund and that the Fund and board is in full support of the bill.

However, the Fund said Richard Villagomez and legal counsel Viola Alepuyo were astounded and quickly informed the House leadership that the Fund only had 10 minutes to review the bill, but even with the cursory review they had grave concerns. The leadership asked why the Fund didn't inform the Senate of its concerns and Fund officials told them they didn't know of the bill's existence and were not given an opportunity to review, much less comment on the bill.

The House held off passing the bill and sent it to the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee for review.

The Fund then submitted several position papers regarding the bill and even submitted a substitute bill with suggestions how the bill could be amended to provide protection for the Fund. Its version of the bill was ignored.

The bill then passed the House over the Fund's objection and was sent to the Senate. It was on Aug. 3, 2011, about 1pm, when the Fund got a call from the Senate advising about a Senate session at 1:30pm and that one of the items to be acted on was the passage of the derivative bill. It was discovered that the bill was not on the agenda but was passed by the senators.

Court requested to revoke ex-convict's probation

»After he allegedly threatened to kill nurse, tested positive for marijuana use

An ex-convict allegedly refused to take medication as ordered by a psychiatrist, threatened he would kill a nurse, and was also tested positive for marijuana use.

These reasons prompted the U.S. Probation Office to request the U.S. District Court for the NMI to revoke the probation of Lucas Taitano Manglona.

U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola stated in his report filed in federal court on Thursday that Manglona's mother called him the day that Manglona refused to receive his medication and had chased away the Transitional Living Center staff that were at their residence to administer the monthly medication.

Arriola said he tried to speak Manglona on the phone to explain why he should get the medication, but instead he stated bad words and dared to send him to jail.

Arriola said according to a TLC nurse, Manglona was verbally abusive toward them and chased them away from his residence.

Manglona also allegedly threatened he would kill the nurse at the emergency room.

In another reported he filed on Friday in District Court, Arriola said that, on Aug. 31, 2011, Manglona tested presumptive positive for the use of marijuana.

Arriola said Manglona denied using marijuana, but on Sept. 9, 2011, the results of confirmation testing confirmed positive for the use of marijuana.

Manglona's probation had been revoked several times in the past for continued use of illegal drugs and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Manglona is one of three persons convicted of passing fake money to some stores on Saipan.

In September 2009, the federal court sentenced him to one year and one day in prison and placed him on probation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND

FINANCIAL AUDITS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RF11-005
AMENDMENT NO. 1

OPENING DATE: August 22, 2011 CLOSING DATE: September 21, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is soliciting sealed proposals to perform a financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF), Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC), and Group Health and Life Insurance Trust Fund (GHLITF) for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. To receive the RFP package, you may mail, fax or e-mail your request to:

Richard S. Villagomez, Administrator
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund
P.O. Box 501247 CK
Saipan, MP 96950-1247
Fax No. 670-664-8080
E-mail: administrator01@nmiretirement.com

There will be a pre-proposal conference on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Fund Conference Room, Capitol Hill Saipan. Questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing to Richard S. Villagomez, Administrator, Fax No. (670) 664-8080 or emailed to administrator01@nmiretirement.com no later than September 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is the best interest of the Fund. All proposals shall become the property of the NMI Retirement Fund.

//s// Richard S. Villagomez
Administrator

NMC adopts changes in tuition payment of students

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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College said payment of students' tuition and fees are subject to change by the Board of Regents.

Based on the institution's catalog, NMC said tuition and fees are payable at the time of registration unless the college's finance office approves a deferred payment contract, or a student is receiving financial assistance.

It added that students will not be admitted to classes or laboratories until their tuition and fees have been paid.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, NMC said if a student is ineligible for financial aid or other scholarships, it generally requires at least a 50-percent payment at the beginning of the semester and the balance is payable on a three months' promissory note, with the final payment due before the end of the semester.

In addition, the NMC finance office will consider other alternatives if proper and sufficient documentation is provided to adequately support the granting of an extension of credit.

"The NMC Finance Office makes every effort to work with students to carefully evaluate any requests for a deferred payment plan while being responsible in minimizing the financial burden to the students, most especially, if they indicate that they do not have the sufficient or alternate resources to meet their financial obligations with the college," said Roger Madriaga, NMC chief financial and administrative officer.

In addition, Madriaga said NMC is also responsible in carefully evaluating such request as to minimize the number of uncollectible debts to the college to ensure financial responsibility.

According to the college, full payment is due upon registration for students with an F-1 Student Visa based on the college's International Student Admission requirements.

To meet the needs of its students, NMC had adjusted its Fall 2011 schedule by shortening the semester period.

Fall 2011 semester started on Aug. 22 and traditionally ends in December. The new schedule is from Aug. 22 to Nov. 26—two days before the expiration of the CNMI Department of Labor-issued umbrella permit on Nov. 28, 2011. The final examination for the semester is slated on Nov. 21, 22, 23, and 26.

This decision was reached as a result of the concerns raised by a number of international students who have yet been issued F-1 visa to continue their education on island.

"Due to changes made to the Fall 2011 term affecting students with umbrella permits, the college provided a one week extension for such students to make full payment on tuition and fees due for the Fall 2011 term only," said dean of student services Leo Pangelinan.

Delay of trial allowed for man suspected of trying to fly to LA using fake documents

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has delayed the trial of a man who was arrested as he tried to check-in for outbound flight to Los Angeles, California, via Narita, Japan, using alleged fake documents.

Manglona

Manglona ordered that the trial of Dongjun Li which had been set for Oct. 3, 2011, be continued to Oct. 24, 2011, after Li requested for more time to file motion if necessary and warranted.

Manglona said the U.S. government did not object and represented that it believes the ends of justice would be served by allowing Li a short continuance.

The judge agreed with Li that continuance is necessary to allow the defendant to pursue further discovery, to afford the prosecution adequate time to respond to any new discovery request, and to permit the parties fully and properly to prepare for trial.

Li, a 38-year-old Chinese national, is indicted for immigration fraud and false statement or entry. Attorney Mark A. Scoggins is representing the defendant in the case.

According to the indictment, Li used a forged U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-512 on July 15, 2011, as evidence of authorized stay or employment in the U.S. The document was accompanied by an authorization for extension of parole of alien in the U.S. dated July 11, 2011. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Employers will need to get new federal permits by November 28, 2011. A federal permit to employ an alien can be obtained only if an employer makes reasonable efforts to find qualified U.S. citizens for these jobs and no qualified citizens are available. FAS citizens may also take advantage of this requirement. CNMI law requires employers of aliens to post available jobs on the Labor Department website.

All jobs now held by aliens are listed in the Job Availability Survey posted on the Labor Department website, www.marianaslabor.net.

If you have problems, the CNMI Department of Labor will help. If you know of a job held by an alien for which you believe you are qualified, you can apply directly to the employer. The Department also recommends that you provide Labor with a copy of your resume and work interests to be placed in the Department searchable database. The Department can also assist you in developing a resume and improving your job interview techniques.

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Middle Road, Saipan, MP 96950
Website: www.crm.gov.mp
Tel. (670) 664-8300 • Fax (670) 664-8315

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) will hold a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-2011-X-052 submitted Blue Water Homes, LLC for the construction of 80 residential units in Chalan Piao, Saipan, lot numbers 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, 458-NEW-3 and 743-1-1.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6:30 P.M. at the CRM Office conference room.

The public is invited to attend and make oral comments regarding this project. The project file is open for review or comments during business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Monday - Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the CRM office located in the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to Coastal Resources Management Office, Caller Box 10007, Saipan or fax at 664-8315. All written and oral comments received will become part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 664-8300/1 if you require further information regarding this project and/or public hearing.

RITA C. CHONG-DELA CRUZ
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Court denies Jorgensen's motion to lift stay on lawsuit's proceedings

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Q. Hayes has denied attorney Bruce Jorgensen's motion to lift the court's order that stayed the proceedings in his lawsuit against Gov. Benigno Fitial and the NMI Retirement Fund over alleged non-payment of his two clients' retirement benefits.

In a five-page order filed in court on Thursday, Hayes also denied Jorgensen's request to hold a status conference on June 13 to 17, 2011.

Hayes said that on June 25, 2010, the District Court determined that a stay was necessary in order to afford proper deference to the state court proceedings.

The judge said the plaintiffs (two unnamed persons represented by Jorgensen) have not come forward with any facts or circumstances that address the court's reasons for imposing the stay or show that the stay should be lifted at this stage in the proceedings.

Hayes said the court finds that the reasons for imposing the stay remain in effect.

"Plaintiffs' motion to lift the stay is denied without prejudice to refile based upon a showing of changed facts or circumstances relevant to the court's reasons for imposing the stay," Hayes said.

Hayes heard the motion to lift the court's stay order last July 21.

Jorgensen, who argued telephonically on behalf of his clients, had asked the court to lift the stay order so that he could proceed with the lawsuit.

Attorney Braddock Huesman, counsel for the Fund's and its board, argued that lifting the stay at this time is improper as they have a pending appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit over the federal court's order denying the Fund's motion to dismiss Jorgensen's lawsuit.

NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to newly married couple Mau Santiago an Widle Ciano, who held their wedding reception last Sept. 1 at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 10th birthday to Esperanza Ritonia Lizama Santos. Hope you enjoy the stuff that we got you for your party. Happy birthday again and we love you baby girl. From Craig and Martinie Calvo.

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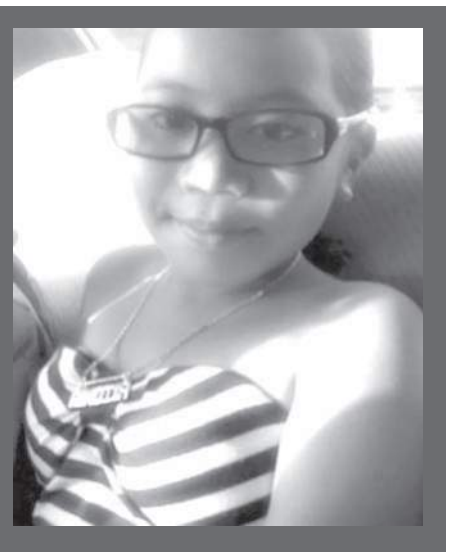

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB11-DOC-059

OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS
COMMISSIONER
DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. **PRELIMARY MATTERS**
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
III. **MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM**
   a. Purchased RD Loans Update
   b. Other Loan Matters
   c. USDA/RD Officials
IV. **PROGRAM & HOUSING**
   a. Multi-Family Program Update
V. **FISCAL AFFAIRS**
   a. Travel Policy
   b. Amended Budget for FY 2012
   c. Financial Statement
   d. FY 2010 Audit Update
VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
VII. **OTHER MATTERS**
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/S/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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Telephone: (808) 524-5066
Petitioner

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

In the Interest of
John Doe,
A Male Child,
Born on July 19, 2007.

TPR NO. 11-1-6002

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING

STATE OF HAWAII
TO: Unknown legal but not natural father
Whose last known address is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition for termination of you parental rights in and to a male child, born on July 19, 2007 to Xiang Lan Jin aka Jin Xiang Lan has been filed in the Family Court.

YOU ARE HEARBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that a hearing on the petition will be heard in the Family Court, 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED that if you fail to appear on the date set forth in this notice or to file a written answer with Family Court, whose mailing address is 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707 (Attn: Special Division Calendar Clerk) before the date of hearing, further action may be taken without further notice to you, and your parental and custodial duties and rights concerning the subject child may be terminated and such child may then be placed for adoption.

Failure to obey this notice may result in the entry of default and a default judgment against you.

This notice shall not be personally delivered between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on premises not open to the public, unless a judge of the Family Court permits, in writing on this notice, personal delivery during those hours.

Dated: Kapolei, Hawaii, **Aug. 23, 2011**

/s/ A. DANBARA
Clerk of the above-entitled Court

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws, if you require a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Disability Accommodations Coordinator at the First Judicial Circuit, Chief Court Administrator's Office 539-4400, FAX 539-4402 or TTY 539-4853, at least ten (10) working days prior to your hearing or appointment date.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 12, 2000

CUC begins probe of '411' charges by MTC

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has begun its inquiry into the "411" charges implemented by Micronesian Telecommunication Corporation following what it said as mounting complaints from customers. Frank T. Flores, chair of CUC board's telecommunications committee, asked MTC to provide the panel corporate reports, financial statements and analysis on the operation of the directory assistance. In a letter to MTC General Manager David M. Rogers, he said the move is part of the regulatory functions by the government-owned utility corporation over the telecom industry as provided under the law.

CNMI seeks partnership with Hawaii's DPH

The CNMI Department of Public Health is exploring the possibility of entering into an agreement with Hawaii Department of Public Health to allow the Northern Marianas avail of the services of the forensic psychiatrist there as well as send patients to their facility. DPH Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said the Northern Marianas cannot afford to hire a forensic psychiatrist but forging an agreement with the State of Hawaii may help resolve the difficult situation. "We are currently discussing the issue of getting their forensic psychiatrist to assist us or maybe use their facility. We hope to reach a decision and we are very optimistic on the outcome of these talks," he said.

Sept. 12, 2001

DLNR budget transferred to BPL

No, the budget for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources was not slashed. It was just transferred to the Board of Public Lands. So said a staff of Rep. Antonio M. Camacho yesterday, saying this was in accordance with Public Law 12-33. Camacho's staff member, who requested that he be not identified, said that under Public 12-33, the Board of Public Land was placed as a single, independent agency, and no longer under the DLNR. He explained that, when the Office of the Governor submitted its budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2000, the DLNR asked for $8.83 million, with $4.79 million going to the Board of Public Lands.

Anti-suicide education campaign launched

Experts from various government agencies and private organizations urged for the commission of a comprehensive study on the profile of suicide victims in the Northern Marianas. The study was pressed to identify the prevailing factors that drive an increasing number of the islands' youths to taking their own lives. According to Ayuda Network, Inc. official Konrad Reyes, the string of suicide incidents reported in the CNMI during the past months show that the problem is not tied with someone's financial or family background. Of the seven suicide cases reported in the CNMI in the past 14 days, at least half of the victims are considered to come from families with good financial background.

Sept. 12, 2002

Atalig appeals for a quorum for MPLB

Rota Sen. Ricardo S. Atalig is seeking to fill three vacant Medical Profession Licensing Board member positions that have left what is now a two-member board without a quorum to process licensing applications. Atalig, in a letter to Gov. Juan N. Babauta, requested for a speedy executive action on the MPLB's lack of quorum amid a pending license application by Dr. Larry B. Hocog, Rota's resident health director whose license has already expired. The congressman stated that the service tenure of three out of five MLPB members have already lapsed, leaving only two members. In conducting official MPLB acts, at least three members are required to constitute a quorum.

'Govt confident in Fennell's abilities'

CNMI Banking Director Fermin M. Atalig yesterday said that while the government was disappointed with the decision, it respects Judge Edward Manibusan's order retaining Randall T. Fennell as Bank of Saipan receiver. Accordingly, Manibusan denied the motion to replace Fennell with Oscar C. Camacho, former CNMI banking director, to the BoS receivership. Although the banking director is disappointed with the outcome of the ruling regarding a substitute receiver, he is confident that Fennell will carry forward his mandate as receiver to make depositors whole. "The Commonwealth Government appreciates all the hard work that Mr. Fennell has done so far and is once again thankful for his continued service as temporary receiver until such time a replacement is appointed by the court," Atalig said in his statement.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-036

Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation
ADDENDUM NO. 1
Date: August 26, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following notice of extension to the deadline for submission of proposals and inquiries to CUC-RFP-11-036:

- **The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from August 30, 2011 to September 28, 2011;**
- **The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to September 19, 2011.**

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-036 " Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 28, 2011**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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Executive Director

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-053
SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Materials for the Talafofo Overhead Power Line Extension Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-11-053, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Materials"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM, (ChST) on September 20, 2011** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of *15 percent* of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Payment and Performance Bond of *one hundred (100%)* percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for goods.

Bidders will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **September 2, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Alfredo Palattao, Power Division Engineer via email alfredo_palattao@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

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Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: September 2, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands:

- The initial Scope-of-Work and Proposal Solicitation Notice for CUC-RFP-11-048 has been amended. All registered prospective Offerors will be provided with a complete copy of the amended Scope-of-Work & Proposal Solicitation Notice;
- The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from September 6, 2011 to November 15, 2011;
- The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to November 1, 2011.

Stage 1, Geothermal Gradient Project

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to collect and evaluate scientific data to better determine the potential for development of geothermal energy on Saipan. Available information suggests that the geothermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to develop geothermal energy to generate electricity.

The technical complexity of the Project and the need to collect and evaluate extensive data will require the successful Proposer to provide the expertise from various professional disciplines, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the Scope of Work.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original, Six (6) copies, and one (1) digitized version (PDF) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048 "Saipan Geothermal Development Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **November 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Dr. James Quick, CNMI Energy Advisor and Consultant via email address jquick@smu.edu. ; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director -Power via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-052

PROCUREMENT OF SEWER PUMP TRUCKS (VACTOR)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of Two (2) New Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor) for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The trucks will jet and vacuum wastewater from the sewer systems. The vehicles should be small enough to work on Saipan's side streets (secondary roadways). The vehicles should be equipped to work at night, in traffic, without a power source.

The RFP packet and specification will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-052, Procurement of Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor)" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2011. Offerors are required to complete all Bid Forms. Offerors may supplement this form as appropriate. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 0P200 - Instructions to Offeror.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

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Politics on trade trumps common sense

Only in today's bitterly partisan atmosphere in Washington could this happen: A job-creating bill with plenty of support from Republicans and Democrats remains in limbo because the two sides can't agree on a procedural matter involving a related issue. Is there no sign of intelligent life inside the Beltway?

We are referring, of course, to the three stalled free trade agreements between the United States and Colombia, Panama and South Korea. These deals originated with the Bush administration and were negotiated by the Republican White House. But first the Democrats balked over labor provisions, delaying ratification until Barack Obama came along and twisted a few arms inside his own party.

The bill's sponsors, as well as most Republicans, were overjoyed, and so was the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. These deals are money-makers and job creators. The Colombia trade pact, which removes tariffs on 80 percent of U.S. exports to that country and the remainder over a period of time, is particularly important.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the agreements would expand exports of American goods by $12 billion. That includes everything from tractors to wheat to technology products. These deals produce jobs and income on the farm, in factories and in supporting businesses.

For Florida, and Miami in particular, this is a no-brainer. Florida is the fourth-largest exporting state in the country. Its two-way trade with Colombia totaled $7.6 billion in 2010. South Florida airports and seaports handled the lion's share of exports and imports. More: South Florida is the nation's import center for Colombian flowers and Colombia was the region's second largest trading partner last year.

According to Colombia's ambassador to this country, Gabriel Silva Lujan, Florida is home to 5,500 companies that export to Colombia and they stand to lose the most if the free trade pact isn't approved.

Some U.S. businesses have already lost, Silva said in a recent interview with The Miami Herald, pointing to trade relationships with other countries that are displacing commerce with the United States.

In August, for example, Grupo Nutresa, which imports half of the wheat consumed in Colombia, announced it would be buying wheat from Canada, where a free trade pact went into effect in August. Traditionally, Colombia imports 90 percent to 95 percent of its wheat, mostly from the United States—until now.

In 2008, U.S. products captured 46 percent of Colombia's food import market. Now the figure is below 20 percent because Colombia's trade agreements with Canada and the Mercosur bloc are eroding U.S. market share.

So why the hold-up in Washington? In a word, politics.

As a quid pro quo to win FTA votes from labor-supported Democrats, President Obama has insisted on renewing a program of retraining workers adversely affected by trade pacts and adding $964 million to that package.

After initial resistance, GOP senators agreed to support retraining, but House Speaker John Boehner won't offer a guarantee that his members will do the same because of the retraining bill's costs. And without that guarantee, Obama won't send the trade pacts to Congress.

How sad. An investment of less than $1 billion in a worker assistance program can expand U.S. exports by $12 billion, and still Congress won't act. Boehner and company, do the math.

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Aging is a myth of the mind

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

Now that I have crossed over the 80 line, I wish to share some reflections on aging, or the art of aging, with you? All of us get older daily. None of us can escape this destiny. But many of us fear it and give up the fight early and simply wait for death. But it need not be that way. As we age we can become a living treasure—house of knowledge and inspiration.

We cannot prevent aging, but we can control how we age. Growing older can be a pleasant and an exciting part of life. Check out the wonderful book by Deepak Chopra entitled *Suggestions for keeping an ageless body and timeless mind*. Let me share several of his ideas with you on the subject of aging. Hopefully they will relieve some of the anxiety that we possess about aging and help our transition into the "twilight years."

First, let's examine some negative factors that accelerate aging. As we go through the list, consider how many we could control better to minimize their effects on us:

1. depression
2. inability to express emotions
3. feeling of helplessness to change oneself or others
4. living alone
5. loneliness, no close friends
6. lack of a daily routine
7. job dissatisfaction
8. habitual or excessive worry
9. regret for past actions
10. irritability, or unable to express anger
11. financial burden, being in debt,
12. criticism of self and others
13. worrying about future
14. lack of goals and future plans
15. neglect of health

Above are some negative factors that accelerate aging. Now let's look at some positive factors that retard aging:

1. happy marriage or satisfying relationship
2. job satisfaction
3. feeling personal happiness
4. ability to laugh easily
5. satisfactory sex life
6. ability to make and keep close friends
7. regular work routine
8. regular daily routine
9. taking at least one week vacation every year
10. feeling in control of personal life
11. enjoyable leisure time, satisfying hobbies
12. ability to express feelings easily
13. optimistic about the future
14. feeling financially secure and living within means
15. goal oriented.

If we want to control our body and mind, we must become aware of the many subtle changes happening daily within ourselves. Many of the changes happen without our conscious awareness that they are happening. In other words, aging happens not only in the body but in the mind.

Everything that happens to us is a result of how we view ourselves. To become aware of the subtle changes going on in our body, we must listen to it. To despair at or to fight the act of growing older makes us grow old faster. But to accept the process with grace keeps many miseries, both physical and mental, from our doorstep.

When we experience the physical world through our body, we must understand that it is a response to how we observe and create our world. The mind and the body are inseparably one. For example, we hunger because our mind tells us. We ache because our mind tells us. We feel emotions because our mind tells us. What we eat affects not only our body but the mind as well. Remember the body and the mind are inseparably one.

We have three ages:

A. Chronological age—how old we are by the calendar,

B. Biological age—how old our body is in terms of critical life signs and cellular processes,

C. Psychological age—how old we feel mentally.

How we view each one will determine our aging process. Do we focus on numbers or on a mental state? Our viewpoint is indispensable to our aging process.

Another vital recommendation that we must consider as we age is that we watch closely what we eat and its quantity. Too many of us are still eating the same kind and amount of food we ate when we were younger. We tend to neglect vegetables and fruit as the mainstay of a healthy diet. We keep eating heaping portions of fatty meat and fried oily foods that our body finds hard to digest. Is it any wonder that the body begins to rebel as we age?

We forget that as we age we become less active, therefore we need less intake of food. Eating the same portions as when we were young and athletic results in becoming overweight. Why do we forget that we become what we eat? Being overweight is one of our most insidious silent killers. Let me relate a personal experience.

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Ground Zero: Transforming the Tragic Terrain of Terrorism

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We visited the Twin Towers' site in Manhattan two years ago. We suggested then that Ground Zero is no longer in a pit of mangled steel on the southern tip of the former Dutch colony, but on the heartland and mindscape of America.

America commemorates the 10th anniversary of 911, the emergency distress signal that took place 9.11.01. The perpetuators of the 911-event were not oblivious of the high symbology of the occasion. Neither should we.

There are as many perspectives this day as there are people reflecting on it.

The Event. Four hijacked jets were commandeered for Washington, D.C., and NYC. The New York-bound ones found their targets: the iconic Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan. Of the D.C.-bound, one found the Pentagon, but the second, headed for either the White House or Congress, was thwarted by its passengers and crashed into a Pennsylvania field. Some 3,000 persons representing 90 nationalities died that day.

The Impact. The United States was stunned; officially, it descended into paroxysms of fear, and flung itself into a beehive of defense activities. Homeland Security was born; no official questioned its expenditure that in a decade totaled half a trillion dollars. There are even those who think that trade, commerce, and employment in security industries and institutions is good for the U.S. economy!

The Story. The most common in the media that is still used to plug and pluck on the heartstring of America is the picture of a nation under siege. Innocent America got a wake-up call, the story goes, and the rude awakening is forcing it to deal with ugly global realities it did not know before.

Not so. Two views (and there are many) are contained in the comment: "one person's terrorist is another's freedom fighter." Indeed, Osama bin laden, the alleged 911 mastermind, was our Mujahadeen freedom fighter against Russia in Afghanistan!

The American view for the last decade remains that of the victim who needs to shore up defenses against the stranger and the foreigner. Military strategy graduated into "the best defense is offense." All aliens are suspect until proven innocent.

But there are those convinced that the United States is just getting back what it liberally ladles around as the sole sovereign empire in the world with its 150 military installations outside of its sovereign boundaries.

We are solicitous of rapacious corporate tentacles, exploitative machines, addictive chemicals, impersonal engines, and arrogant personnel, yet we are baffled by the question often asked: "Why is there animosity against U.S. in the world?"

Inflicting psychological fear is an established State-sanctioned tactic. Applied in reverse, we rejoice in the effects of the Jasmine Spring uprisings in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, and Syria because those who have long been downtrodden are finding vengeful voices to say "NO" to the stranglehold of their political lords.

The Necessary Deed. America transformed the tragic terrain of terrorism into the memorial gardens of the World Trade Center with cascading waters into recessed pools and an eternal pose for reflections in the shadows of the 104-floor Freedom Tower and the shorter World Trade Center 4. The pit has turned into an architectural wonder that is worth every visitor's time. Good Morning America is saying, "Yes", to a new day!

The deed of 911 has since evolved into an acute awareness of global experiences of terror beyond the WTC, from the continuing devastation of the planet to the seemingly endless human capacity to inflict pain and suffering on others – women, children, the helpless and the weird, the marginalized and the unprotected, of which the American hand is not clean. What has become clear is that there is no defense against terrorism of any kind, more so of those officially sanctioned by the State. Indeed, as commemoration occurs today in Manhattan, no one feels any safer than they were ten years ago.

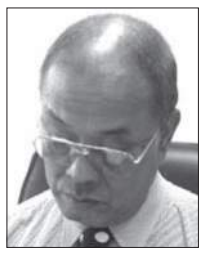
But we see a new Ground Zero swelling in the ordinary and common heartland and mindscape of America. It is a profound resolve to segue into sustainable global economics that honors the integrity of the planet, the equitable distribution of resource and production for all, and invites the whole world, not just Wall Street, to take over ownership of its processes.

America's democratic tradition baptized with fire in its shoddy treatment of African-Americans, and its fear of immigrants that constitutes its political DNA, nevertheless moves on the consensus of et pluribus unum, and makes it a world-wide call as well. Main Street is making the call. It invites the whole world to take responsibility for emerging a New World in common efforts among the world's people.

More importantly, we see emerging a genuine humility that is distancing itself away from the old dominating trait of patriarchy and imperialism into practices of cooperation and collaboration. American flags 'Made in China' fly in porches today, a telling reality. No need to apologize. The pride of Ground Zero is not about being a victim, but on being a vanguard in the creation of the new human; its strength is not on being fearful of others but in being interdependent in concert with others.

"Where?" the skeptical asks. Go look into the mirror. Then ask yourself: "Why not?"

'Nai dumimu si Mariana



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Apmam tiempu man-ensinahyau hit pot pesu. Ansiosu na pinetsige piot 'nai esta ta embrasa ekonomian salape. Ta tulaika hagas hayuta—gualu yan peska—sa' man-ma-emplea hit gi Navy yan dispues TT.

Ta atotga kinalamten dinaña Guam gi sisienta siha na sakan 'nos pot parehu na rasan tautau, lau pot un' pesu gi ora i sueddu guihe. Guine, $.16 sientimos sueddota gi ora. Ta apprueba lau maluñu' nu i mañeluta giya Guam.

Gi duranten negosiu gi 1972, hu mente ma-inklusun este na attikulu—proteksion direchota gi todu minan halom tasi. Ti man-malago' pot no u diniteni ma-apprueban kontratata yan America. Hu choneg este na asuntu sa' sumasaunau depositun laña deste enteru strechun Marianas papa' esta iya Yap yan Palau. Nahuñg na fiñkas para u kubre Marianas gi todu nesessidatña. Lau a'gañg mampos i losus taloane!

Dispues, man-lotgun hit gi siete años na garentia gi mafondun fasilidat siha. Umafagcha' yan hinalom kantidan salape ginen Japon. Duru hit man-gupot diariu ya ni unu lumie' 'nai ha tutuhon kimason i atuf gima'ta. De dios na diskuidu! Magahet, haye u fan hahassu kimason piot 'nai duru esta i iñgag lateria.

Na' pinite sa' sessu ta sede para ta fan magraderu katnada gi haguet ni tinatitiye mas dañosu na konsekuensia pot che'chu' hasupag. Estau-ta pagu, hita mismu sumufan ya dudayu' kau enfin estague' guinifin miyu para futturon famaguonta. Despide i sulu' pesu ya ta bira hit tatte gi fitme na tradision tanu'. Siña ha' ti lamlam karetamu lau sufficiente mantension para familiamu.

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Tinanom gi hatdin

Gi fina' lehñgun, estaba inasahan chodan Taiwan. Gaige lokue' man-lasneg siha na papayan Hawaii gi oriya yan gadu' gi halom tañgantañgan. Gi kanton tañke, esta man-to'a i lemon kanu'un (guiya este na lemon i sessu man-lache hit ya ta fanana'an lemon riat).

Esta lokue' i tinanom amiguhu sunen agaga' listu para i metkau. Mañule'yu' 'nos kuantos hagon sunen agaga' para golai faka'. I ya guahan mohon fresku na mai'es. Paire para ilotis 'sino atmayas. Lau ti pagu na biahen tinanomña. Suetteyu' kinisechan gualu' siha.

Gi otru lanchun amiguhu, suetteyu' guihan ni ma-tala' gi hilu foggun. Kontodu hina'men katnen babue yan mantika na katnen guaka. Diberas, esta papagpag sekoshu kulan babuen Buninas dispues de hu tunu.

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Gi mapos na semana, man-estaba kase trenta na tautau gi offisinan CUC para u fan mamaisen 'nos kuantos dias talu antes de u fan man-apase. Era, mananañgga finatton pagamientu dispues 'nai para u ma-apase kabales kuenrtan niha.

Hana' ma-ase'-yu' finaisen niniha, lau kontodu i empleau CUC na'mase' sa' ha komprende hafa finaisen i los prohimos. Ti siña ha sede unu ya u beragüe kontra i pumalu. Yangin ha sede unu, pues todus lokue u fan libre. Esta chathinagoñg i empleau ni inigoñg tauau lau ni unu ha sede soluke' ma-apase mediu dibi esta'i Bietnes.

Hu sen agradese i antau na mañan ayu na empleau i sumuñgun umekuñgog iniguñg tautau lau guaha ha' lokue areglu ni ti siña ti u tatiye.

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Gi kada finagpu' ora santa 'an pueñgen Dameñgo, sessu hu soda' un' biha mamaisa, sige manayuyot dispues de manhanau i linahyan. Hu sosoda' 'an hu huhuchum i gima' Yuus. Hu faisen dispues hafa na mafatton atrasau.

Ilegña, "Laihu, pot este ha trahihu ni todu aplacha' yan mancha ya mamahlauyu' malie' taiguine. Lau ti bai' seha bumisita i Saina maseha taiguine pinebleghu yan arastrau-hu". Hana' sen humidde korasonhu sa' ha suñgun i taya'ña para u fan bisita. Leksion ayu para guahu gi krineansan i Saina pot mañan hinimidde.

SENATOR

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Several years ago while visiting my brother in the United States, I suddenly developed severe chest pains called "angina pectoris." My brother rushed me to the hospital where within the next few hours doctors performed angioplasty. This is a surgical repair of blood vessels that connect to the heart.

On the plane home, I read the performing surgeon's medical report about my condition. One phrase in the report glared out and shot into my brain like a bullet and has never left me: "the patient is an obese male Caucasian… "The word "obese" struck a chord which has ever since motivated me to watch my weight. From that moment on, I vowed to reduce my weight to the norm for my height and age. And it has worked miracles.

Obesity is clearly linked to disease and premature aging. What is going to be our excuse when "obesity" hits us and flattens us on our back? Don't let food kill us!

Yes, aging is an inevitable process. But it doesn't have to be a decline in the joy and excitement of living. As we move into our twilight years, our happiness should increase because of all our past experiences. We should stand tall and gaze lovingly at all the mountains we have climbed and all the valleys we have crossed with family and friends.

Let us perceive the world in a positive light closing out all negative emotions. As we change our perception of our surroundings, we will be able to appreciate the experiences of our body and of our world.

In reading over this article please don't think that I am trying to be an expert on aging. The Lord knows I have enough trouble taking care of myself. It is just that I am concerned when I see so many "senior citizens" simply drop out and sit waiting for the last day. Instead we should all be enjoying ourselves in more productive ways bathed in happiness.

I am reminded of the lines from a poem by Robert Frost:

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep."

All of us have many miles to go before we sleep. Let us enjoy our twilight years with vigor and excitement.

Let me close with the lines about aging from "Ulysses" written by the poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson:

"There lies the port; the vessel puffs her sail;
There gloom the dark, broad seas. My mariners,
Souls that have toiled, and wrought, and thought with me…
Free hearts, free foreheads,--you and I are old;
Old age hath yet his honor and his toil.
Death closes all; but something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.
The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks;
The long day wanes; the slow moon climbs; the deep
Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world. ….
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are—
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Strive for joy in life. Let us keep meaning in our lives. The greatest threat to life and health is having nothing to look forward to. Even if we don't wake up to dreams from God, every day has to mean something to us and when it does, let us believe that the battle is won. Think young! Live happily!

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

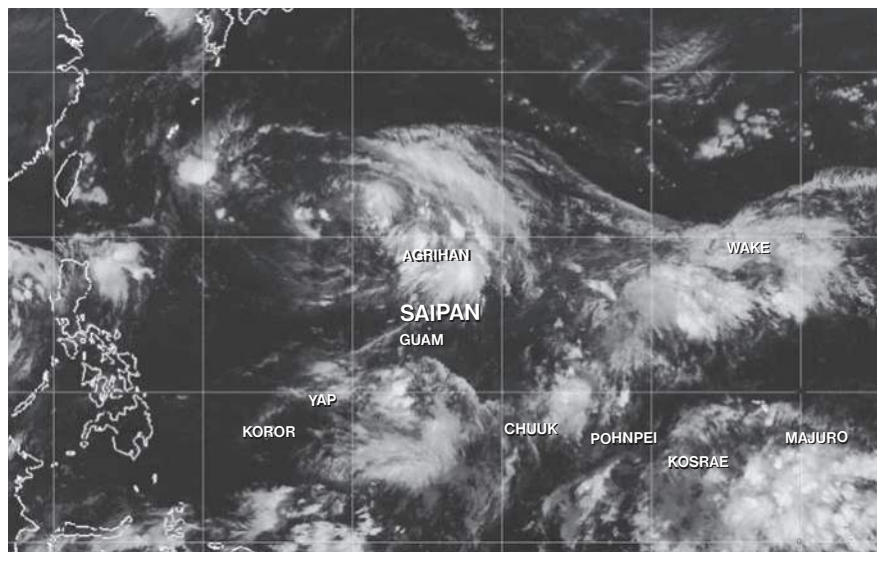
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Sunny	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲82	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲84	▼74
Kosrae	Rain	▲82	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲56	▼52
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼64
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼76
London	Showers	▲65	▼56
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼65
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼75
Paris	Showers	▲67	▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼72
Rome	Sunny	▲87	▼66
Salem	Sunny	▲88	▼56
San Francisco	Sunny	▲66	▼57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲78	▼70
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼74
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲83	▼67

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends northeastward form 11N130E through a developing circulation centered northwest of the Marianas near 21N141E then turns southeastward to end near 17N151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over the far Northern Marianas within 160 miles of a line from 24N133E to 17N149E. A surface trough runs southwestward from 11N151E to 3N147E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located just west of Chuuk between 10N and 4N from 142E to 152E. Another surface trough runs southwestward from 18N158E to 13N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Pohnpei between 17N and 12N from 154E to 161E. Converging southeast winds east of the trough are generating scattered showers northeast of Pohnpei between 13N and 10N from 161E to 165E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Majuro and just south of Kwajalein between 8N and the equator from 164E to the date line. An upper-level trough extends westward from 23N170E to 21N161E then turns northwestward to beyond 25N at 156E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of the trough over Wake Island between 20N and 15N from 162E to 176E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:40 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
7:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
7:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:22 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:21 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:20 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:04 PM	5:39 AM
Tuesday	6:40 PM	6:26 AM
Wednesday	7:16 PM	7:13 AM
Thursday	7:54 PM	8:00 AM
Friday	8:34 PM	8:49 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 24, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09314	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
0Z119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM
0Z604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	3, 4, 7
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
0Z120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
0Z704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am	5, via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
0Z724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
0Z750/603	1:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN
0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

No more mail? What would Ben Franklin think?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Imagine a nation without the Postal Service.

No more birthday cards and bills or magazines and catalogs filling the mailbox. It's a worst-case scenario being painted for an organization that lost $8.5 billion in 2010 and seems headed deeper into the red this year.

"A lot of people would miss it," says Tony Conway, a 34-year post office veteran who now heads the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers.

Businesses, too.

The letter carrier or clerk is the face of the mail. But hanging in the balance is a $1.1 trillion mailing industry that employs more than 8 million people in direct mail, periodicals, catalogs, financial services, charities and other businesses that depend on the post office.

Who would carry mail to the Hualapai Indian Reservation in the Grand Canyon? To islands off the coast of Maine? To rural villages in Alaska? Only the post office goes to those places and thousands of others in the United States, and all for 44 cents. And it's older than the United States itself.

Ernest Burkes Sr. says his bills, magazines and diabetes medication are mailed to his home in Canton, in northeast Ohio, and he frequently visits the post office down the street to send first-class mail, mostly documents for the tax service he runs. As his business increased over the past three decades, so has the load of mail he sends, and it's still pretty steady.

"I don't know what I'd do if they'd close down the post offices," said Burkes, who doesn't use rival delivery services such as UPS or FedEx. "They need to help them, just like they helped some of these other places, automobiles and others."

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe is struggling to keep his money-losing organization afloat as more and more people are ditching mail in favor of the Internet, causing the lucrative first-class mail flow to plummet.

Donahoe has a plan to turn things around, if he can get the attention of Congress and pass a series of hurdles, including union concerns.

"The Postal Service is not going out of business," postal spokesman David Partenheimer said. "We will continue to deliver the mail as we have for more than 200 years. The postmaster general has developed a plan that will return the Postal Service to financial stability. We continue to do what we can on our own to achieve this plan and we need Congress to do its part to get us there."

He acknowledged that if Congress doesn't act, the post office could reach a point next summer where it doesn't have the money to keep operating.

That wouldn't sit well with Mimi Raskin, a wine and antiques store owner in Grants Pass, Ore., who likes her birthday card mailed. "If you get a birthday card on the Internet, it's like, well, I didn't care about you enough to go to a store, buy a card that suited your personality, and mail it," she said.

Donahoe and his predecessor, John Potter, have warned for years of the problems and stressed that the post office will be unable to make a mandated $5.5 billion payment due Sept. 30 to a fund for future medical benefits for retirees.

A 90-day delay on the payment has been suggested, but postal officials and others in the industry say a long-term solution is needed.

Donahoe has one. It includes laying off staff beyond the 110,000 cut in the past four years, closing as many as 3,700 offices, eliminating Saturday delivery and switching from the federal retirement plan to one of its own.

Cliff Guffey, president of the American Postal Workers Union, called the proposal "outrageous, illegal and despicable."

AP

In this photo taken Wednesday Sept. 7, 2011, William Scott, 79, enters a post office to mail a letter in Worthington, Ohio. Scott said he usually visits the post office three times a week to send mail.

States rethinking tax credits as job creation tool

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Want to create jobs? Just create a tax credit for businesses.

For decades, that's how many governors and state lawmakers have approached economic development. But with budget deficits collectively in the billions of dollars and unemployment rates still uncomfortably high, some state officials have begun to rethink whether the jobs promised from tax credits are worth the drain on state funds that could go to public schools and services.

Perhaps nowhere is the tax credit tension more evident than in Missouri, where lawmakers have convened a special session to consider scaling back several existing tax credits in order to finance new tax incentives targeting a variety of business interests—from Chinese cargo planes to computer data centers, high-tech companies and even the organizers of major sporting events.

Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon and Republican legislative leaders tout it as one of the most far-reaching job-creation packages being considered among states. But it faces opposition from some lawmakers who see it as the latest giveaway of taxpayer dollars to big businesses at the expense of school children, the disabled and elderly.

The battle in Missouri and several other states mirrors that in Washington, where President Barack Obama and Republican congressional leaders are expected to clash in coming weeks over the right mixture of tax breaks and spending to stimulate the economy without plunging the nation deeper into long-term debt. The outcome figures to play prominently in the 2012 elections as incumbents seeks to assuage voter concerns about both the economy and government spending.

"There is a tension between just about everybody," said Sen. Chuck Purgason, a Republican who has wavered on whether to back the Missouri plan. "You've got core Republican principles that government doesn't create jobs—the private sector creates meaningful jobs—and what you need is broad-based tax reform."

For others, he said, "their idea is for government to take money and incentivize aspects of trying to stimulate the economy."

Tax credits have been popular among many politicians because they directly reduce the taxes that a business must pay, unlike a tax deduction which only reduces the income that can be taxed. Some states also allow tax credit vouchers to be sold, which allows the recipient to generate upfront cash for a project.

As lawmakers consider an overhaul of Missouri's tax incentives, a task force in Oklahoma is reviewing whether the state's estimated $5 billion of annual tax cuts, exemptions, and deductions—many of them intended to attract jobs—truly are serving the public good.

"We know that while government cannot create prosperity, it can and should help create conditions that encourage it," said Rep. David Dank, an Oklahoma Republican who is leading the task force. He said the review is "a sincere effort to determine what works, what doesn't, and what reforms we should make."

In New Mexico, Republican Gov. Susana Martinez ordered agencies last month to prepare an annual analysis of whether tax credits are costing the state revenue and creating jobs.

Some states have continued to create business tax credits this year under the belief that the lost revenue will be replaced as companies hire workers, who in turn pay individual income and sales taxes.

Arabs nations to get $58 billion to reward reform

MARSEILLE, France (AP)—Wealthy countries and international lenders promised more money Saturday to encourage democratic reforms in Arab nations, promising at least $58 billion.

After Tunisia and Egypt ousted their authoritarian regimes earlier this year, eight of the world's most developed economies along with rich Arab countries and a raft of development banks had pledged in May to give $40 billion in support to their nascent democracies and hopefully keep them on the path to open government.

Those uprisings set off a cascade of revolts across the Middle East, and the Group of Eight and others are now increasing their pledges and expanding the recipients to include Morocco and Jordan.

So far, at least $58 billion has been promised to the four countries—$38 billion from development banks through 2013 and more than $20 billion from the G-8 and the wealthy Arab countries.

Saturday's meeting was notable for its inclusion of Libya, where rebel forces recently took control of most of the country and are working to create a government to replace Moammar Gadhafi's brutal regime. Libya is not yet officially part of the program but could soon receive funding, according to Canadian Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

Libya's vast oil wealth means it is unlikely to need substantial aid over the long term, but its oil exports slowed to a trickle during recent fighting, and the country is still waiting for funds that were frozen under Gadhafi to be handed over to them. Flaherty indicated that the program could bridge the gap.

"We did not discuss quantum, but we discussed, yes, the reality that the Libyans may require some assistance in the short term," Flaherty said.

Earlier in the day, British Treasury chief George Osborne said officials would also commit to lifting sanctions on Libya, unfreezing its assets, and also "significantly get oil production going as quickly as possible."

Libya's new ambassador to France Mansour Seyf al-Nasr called the meeting "a success."

Tunisia's finance minister, Jelloul Ayed, also praised the meeting.

"A very successful meeting. The financial commitment that we obtained today is a general commitment," he said, noting that it would be determined later how much each of the Arab countries gets.

In another step for Libya's Transitional National Council, it won recognition Saturday from the International Monetary Fund, according to the organization's chief, Christine Lagarde. She said she would dispatch teams to Libya to help with technical assistance and policy advice as soon as it was safe.

The money is intended to help support "transparent, accountable government" and "sustainable and inclusive growth" in North Africa and the Middle East, according to a statement from the nine international and regional lenders who pledged the $38 billion.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FDA says judge shouldn't stop cigarette warnings

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—New cigarette warning labels that show the sewn-up corpse of a smoker or a picture of diseased lungs shouldn't be prevented from appearing on packs next year while a federal judge determines whether they violate tobacco companies' free speech rights, the Food and Drug Administration said Friday. Some of the nation's largest tobacco companies, led by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Lorillard Tobacco Co., sued last month to block the labels, questioning their constitutionality and saying that changing cigarette packaging will cost millions of dollars. The companies said the warnings don't simply convey facts to inform people's decision whether to smoke but instead force the companies to display government anti-smoking advocacy more prominently than their own branding.

Hackers send fake terror alerts from NBC's Twitter

NEW YORK (AP)—A hacker broke into the Twitter account of NBC News and sent out a handful of false tweets about a suspected hijacking and a plane attack at ground zero just days before the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Staffers noticed the false tweets at around 6 p.m. Eastern time Friday, contacted Twitter and soon after had the account suspended. Host Brian Williams then read a statement on air saying the reports were false.

Germany wants its deputy fin min to join ECB

MARSEILLE, France (AP)—Germany's finance minister said Saturday he wants his long-serving deputy to succeed Juergen Stark on the executive board of the European Central Bank. Wolfgang Schaeuble said he told the head of the Eurogroup that he wanted Joerg Asmussen to succeed Stark. He added that he expects Asmussen to join the ECB by the end of the year. Asmussen, a member of the opposition Socialist party, has been a key official in the eurozone's fight against the debt crisis.

Nation

Obama urges service, unity on 9/11 anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Summoning the nation to unity and service, President Barack Obama paid tribute to America's resilience and the sacrifice of its war dead Saturday as the country prepared to mark 10 long years since the horrors of 9/11.

A day before the anniversary commemorations, the president made a pilgrimage to Arlington National Cemetery, strolling with his wife, Michelle, among graves filled with dead from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. And he invoked the common purpose that arose from carnage a decade ago in telling Americans that the nation cannot be broken by terrorism "no matter what comes our way."

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SHANKSVILLE, Pa. (AP)—The 40 passengers and crew who fought back against their hijackers aboard Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001, performed one of the most courageous acts in U.S. history, former President George W. Bush said Saturday at a ceremony dedicating the first phase of a memorial at the nation's newest national park.

The two-hour ceremony also kicked off a bipartisan effort conceived backstage to raise about $10 million to finish the memorial's first phase and maintain it in the future.

The hijackers likely intended to crash the plane into the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., where the House and Senate were both in session, said Jon Jarvis, director of the National Park Service. But the plane "never made it because of the determination and valor of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, that plane crashed in this field, less than 20 minutes by air" from the target, Jarvis said.

Bush said the storming of the cockpit "ranks among the most courageous acts in American history."

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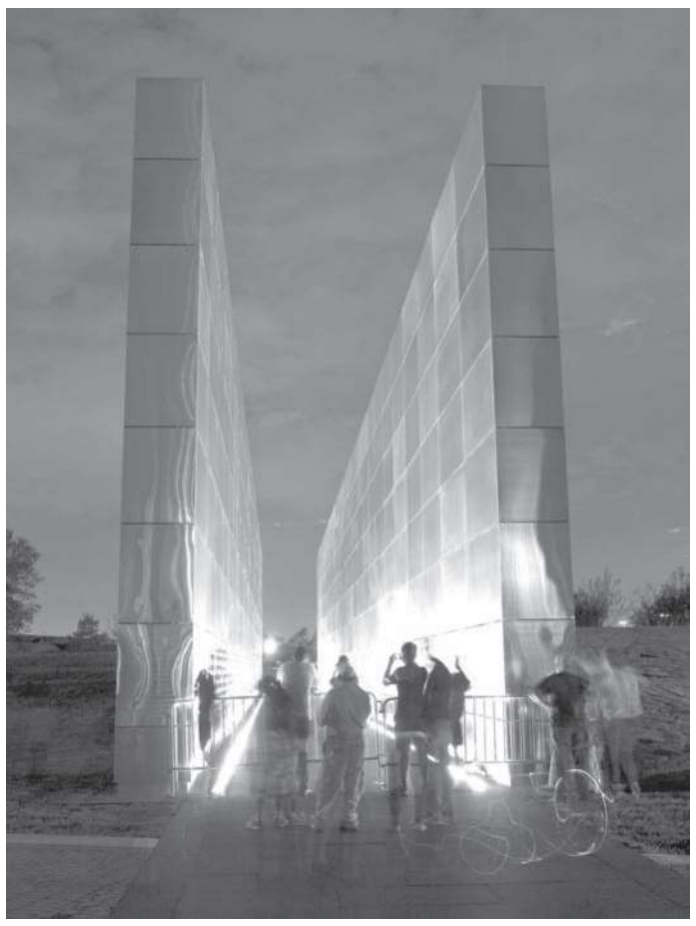
Obama also visited a soup kitchen, where he and his family helped prepare trays of gumbo for the needy in the nation's capital, underscoring the call to national service that rang so loudly after the terrorist attacks.

All this as the president and his national security team tracked the latest possible terrorist threat against the country, a tip that al-Qaida might be seeking to detonate a car bomb in New York or Washington. Obama met his senior national security team in the morning to review the latest developments and ensure the nation remains on a heightened state of vigilance during the anniversary commemorations. As of Saturday U.S. intelligence agencies had not found evidence that al-Qaida had sneaked any terrorists into the country to carry out an anniversary attack.

At D.C. Central Kitchen, Obama said projects to serve the community "are part of what the spirit of remembering 9/11's all about—the country being unified and looking out for one another."

In an email to supporters, the president urged others to follow his lead. "With just a small act of service, or a simple act of kindness towards others, you can both honor those we lost and those who serve us still, and help us recapture the spirit of generosity and compassion that followed 9/11," the president wrote.



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The "Empty Sky" memorial is pictured shortly after sunset at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, N.J. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011.

Earlier, at Arlington, he and his wife held hands with each other and hugged other visitors among rows of white tombstones from the long wars that Obama is winding down after more than 6,000 American troop deaths.

"It's a reminder that our way of life is dependent on the incredible courage, the incredible patriotism of a whole host of people from all across the country, every walk of life, every ethnicity, every religion," the president said in an interview with NBC Nightly News broadcast later Saturday. "It's a somber moment when you think about all these young people who gave their lives so young."

Obama, a little-known state senator in Illinois at the time of the attacks, now has the responsibility to help lead the nation in remembrance of a trauma 10 years on. On Sunday, the president is scheduled to visit all three sites where hijacked planes struck—New York City, Shanksville, Pa., and the Pentagon—before delivering evening remarks at a memorial event at the Kennedy Center in Washington. In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, Obama sought a balance between remembering the attacks and the nearly 3,000 people who died, and moving forward. He thanked troops who have served in the post-Sept. 11 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and praised the military successes that led to advances against al-Qaida and the killing of the group's leader, Osama bin Laden.

"A decade after 9/11, it's clear for all the world to see—the terrorists who attacked us that September morning are no match for the character of our people, the resilience of our nation, or the endurance of our values," the president said.

9/11 remembered in worldwide ceremonies

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Ten years on from the day the 9/11 terrorist attacks changed so much for so many people, the world's leaders and millions of citizens are pausing to reflect.

From Sydney to Atlanta, formal ceremonies are planned or already under way to remember the nearly 3,000 who perished from more than 90 countries. And, in a reminder that threats remain, authorities in Washington and New York are beefing up security in response to intelligence about possible plans for a car bomb attack.

For some people, the pain never stops. In Malaysia, Pathmawathy Navaratnam woke up Sunday in her suburban Kuala Lumpur home and did what she's done every day for the past decade: wish her son "Good morning." But Vijayashanker Paramsothy, a 23-year-old financial analyst, was killed in the attacks on New York.

"He is my sunshine. He has lived life to the fullest, but I can't accept that he is not here anymore," said Navaratnam. "I am still living, but I am dead inside."

AP

A member of the U.S. Marines carries their national flag past a man wearing a stars and stripes shirt during a special service to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, at a church in New Plymouth, New Zealand, Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011.

In Manila, dozens of former shanty dwellers offered roses, balloons and prayers for another 9/11 victim, American citizen Marie Rose Abad. The neighborhood used to be a shantytown that reeked of garbage. But in 2004, Abad's Filipino-American husband built 50 brightly colored homes, fulfilling his late wife's wish to help impoverished Filipinos.

The village has since been named after her.

"It's like a new life sprang from the death of Marie Rose and so many others," said villager Nancy Waminal.

In New Zealand, players from the American Eagles rugby team were among the first to mark the anniversary at a Sunday memorial service in the town of New Plymouth. The players, who are participating in the Rugby World Cup tournament, listened to a speech by U.S. ambassador David Huebner, whose brother Rick survived the attacks on the World Trade Center.

"We watched live on television the brutal murder of 3,000 individuals," Huebner said. "We reacted with near unanimous horror and sadness."

"As we mark the 10th anniversary of that day, we commemorate the triumph of human kindness, and the humanity and self-abrogation which sets us apart from every other species on this planet Earth."

In Australia, Sydney resident Rae Tompsett said she's never felt angry over the murder of her son Stephen Tompsett, 39, a computer engineer who was on the 106th floor of the World Trade Center's north tower when it was hit by a hijacked plane.

"No, not anger," she said. "Sorrow. Sorrow that the people who did this believed they were doing something good."

The retired school teacher and her husband Jack, 92, were planning to attend Sunday morning mass as usual at their local church before going to a commemorative service in the afternoon.

"It's incredible that it is 10 years—it feels a bit like yesterday," Tompsett said.

In Japan, families gathered in Tokyo to pay their respects to the 23 Fuji Bank employees who never made it out of their World Trade Center office. A dozen of the workers were Japanese.

Sources: No sign of US entry for terror plot

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. intelligence agencies have found no evidence that al-Qaida has sneaked any terrorists into the country for a strike coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, senior officials said Saturday.

But authorities kept a high alert as investigators looked for proof of a plot possibly timed to disrupt events planned Sunday in Washington or New York.

Since late Wednesday, counterterrorism officials have chased a tip that al-Qaida may have sent three men to the U.S. on a mission to detonate a car bomb in either city. At least two of those men could be U.S. citizens, according to the tip.

No intelligence supported that tip as of Saturday, and officials continued to question the validity of the initial information.

While such tips are common among intelligence agencies, this one received more attention, and government officials chose to speak publicly about it, because of the connection to the anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

Al-Qaida long has hoped to strike again on the anniversary.

At the FBI field office in Washington, assistant director James McJunkin described the tip and the response as routine. The U.S. already had bolstered security nationwide before the upcoming anniversary and anticipated an increase in tips.

"We expect we're going to get an increase in threats and investigative activity around high-profile dates and events," he said. "This is a routine response for us. It's routine because it's muscle memory."

Intelligence analysts have looked at travel patterns and behaviors of people who recently entered the country. While they have singled out a few people for additional scrutiny, none has shown any involvement in a plot, according to the senior U.S. officials, who insisted on anonymity to discuss the investigation.

President Barack Obama met with his national security team Saturday, but the White House released no new information about possible threats. A statement said that counterterrorism efforts were working well and would not ease in the weeks and months ahead.

The tip that touched off the most recent investigation came from a CIA informant who has proved reliable in the past, according to U.S. officials. They said the informant approached intelligence officials overseas to say that the men were ordered by new al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri to mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 by doing harm on U.S. soil.

He took over as the group's leader after the U.S. killed Osama bin Laden during a raid in May at his compound in Pakistan.

Asia

Post-tsunami Japan sticking with nuclear power

This Saturday, July. 23, 2011 photo shows the Ikata nuclear power plant operated by Shikoku Electric Power Co. in Ikata, western Japan.

AP

MATSUYAMA, Japan (AP)—Takashi Yamada would prefer life without the nearby nuclear power plant. But the 66-year-old retired electronics retailer says, "It is also true we all need it."

Host communities such as this seaside city on the island of Shikoku need the jobs and financial subsidies the plants provide. And Japan's $5.5-trillion economy needs the energy.

Many Japanese have grown uneasy with nuclear power since the March 11 tsunami, which left more than 20,000 dead or missing and sent a plant in Fukushima into meltdown. Anti-nuke protesters took to the streets, and a heated debate ensued over the future of atomic energy. A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that 55 percent of Japanese want to reduce the number of reactors in the country.

Six months later, though, the nation seems to be sticking with nuclear power, at least for now. Unlike Germany, which accelerated plans to phase out atomic energy after Fukushima, Japan shows no signs of doing so. In recent days, utilities began newly mandated earthquake and tsunami stress tests, a first step toward restarting reactors idled for maintenance.

"What is the alternative?" asks Fumiko Nakamura, a flower arrangement teacher in Tokyo. She worries about nuclear safety in earthquake-prone Japan but says it will take time to develop other types of energy. "Japan is a resource-poor nation, and we need electricity."

The world's third-largest economy lacks other sources such as coal. An island nation, it can't easily buy electricity from neighbors, as Germany can from France. Alternative energy is expensive. And nuclear technology is the nation's pride, even a lucrative export.

Moreover, consensus-oriented Japan doesn't have an outspoken public saying "No" to nuclear power. In a society that frowns upon defiance of the government, many Japanese are reluctant to join a movement that is often discredited as eccentric, even after Fukushima. That means Japan's leaders have no real need to reject an industry that has helped fuel the country's prosperity for decades.

"The everyday hasn't changed," said Haruki Tange, a professor of policymaking at Ehime University in Matsuyama. "There is this prevailing mood that makes it really difficult to voice any opposition to nuclear power."

March 11 may yet prove to be Japan's Three Mile Island moment. No new plants have been approved in the U.S. since the 1979 disaster, and Japan has canceled two new ones already and shelved plans to increase its reliance on nuclear power from 30 to 50 percent.

But Tange's resignation underscores a widespread acceptance of the status quo in Japan, home to 54 reactors speckling the coast.

Matsuyama, a city of 500,000, sits 30 miles (50 kilometers) from Ikata, one of the world's most seismologically risky plants. The government says there is a 70 percent probability of a major quake here in the next 30 years.

In an unprecedented protest, about 100 people took to the streets in July to demand Ikata be shut down. "I always thought protests were scary," said one marcher, 22-year-old university student Miwa Ozue. "But now, I want the world to know."

Ahead of 9/11, Taliban vow to keep fighting

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Taliban on Saturday vowed to keep fighting against U.S. forces in Afghanistan until all American troops leave the country and stressed that their movement had no role in the Sept. 11 attacks.

In a statement emailed to media, the Taliban accused the United States of using Sept. 11 attacks as a pretext to invade Afghanistan and said the international community was responsible for killing thousands of Afghans during the invasion and ensuing occupation.

"Each year, 9/11 reminds the Afghans of an event in which they had no role whatsoever," the Taliban said. "American colonialism has shed the blood of tens of thousands of miserable and innocent Afghans."

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan on Oct. 7, 2001, after the Taliban, who then ruled the country, refused to hand over Osama bin Laden.

The late al-Qaida leader was at the time living in Afghanistan, where the terror network had training camps from which it planned attacks against the U.S. and other countries.

"The Afghans have an endless stamina for a long war," the statement also said. "Through a countrywide uprising, the Afghans will send the Americans to the dustbin of history like they sent other empires of the past."

The statement was issued by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the official title used by the Taliban when they ruled the country.

Although the Taliban were defeated by the U.S.-led coalition, they managed to use the fallow years of the Iraq war—when America focused its military strength on the conflict against Saddam Hussein—to regroup, rearm and reorganize.

They began winning back ground lost to an international military coalition until President Barack Obama decided to send it 30,000 troops last year to help.

Although there have been some gains in the Taliban's traditional southern strongholds, violence has not abated around the country.

The U.S. has begun withdrawing some of its 100,000 troops and will send home 33,000 by the end of next year. The international military coalition has already begun transferring security responsibilities to newly trained Afghan forces with the aim of removing all their soldiers by the end of 2014.

Bin Laden was killed in May, in helicopter-borne raid by U.S. Navy SEALs on his house in northwestern Pakistan.

Activists seek release of giant Philippine croc

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Animal rights activists urged Philippine authorities on Saturday to return a captured giant crocodile back to the wild, but the mayor of the town where it was caught refused, saying it poses a threat to residents.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said the 20-foot (6.1-meter) saltwater crocodile nicknamed Lolong should be returned to its natural habitat because if it remains in captivity it is likely to develop abnormal behavior and endanger its caretakers and visitors to a proposed park.

Mayor Edwin Cox Elorde of southern Agusan del Sur province's Bunawan township said about 1,300 residents who rely on fishing in the area could be attacked by the crocodile, believed to be the largest in captivity in the world.

Wildlife officer Ron Sumilier, who led the team that trapped the animal last week, said it may have attacked a fisherman who disappeared from the area about two months ago.

Ashley Fruno, senior campaigner for PETA Asia-Pacific, said natural conditions can never be replicated in zoos or animal shelters, resulting in physical and mental stress for captive animals.

"It's clear that the promoters of this park are thinking only of their bank balance, without so much as an afterthought for the animal's well-being," she said.

Elorde said he was hurt by suggestions the crocodile was captured for the financial benefit of local officials. He has announced that Lolong will be the main attraction at an eco park to attract tourists to the remote town.

"We did not capture Lolong for any commercial reasons," he told The Associated Press. "We captured him to save the residents in the area and to save Lolong" because villagers were planning to poison it.

Groups like PETA "are so quick in making demands without even visiting our area," he said.

Elorde said the one-ton crocodile hasn't eaten since being captured, possibly because of stress. Crocodiles can live for several months without eating.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Cambodian boy suckles from cow after parents leave

KOAK ROKA, Cambodia (AP)—A Cambodian man says his young grandson has lived partly on milk he suckles directly from a cow since the boy's parents left their rural village in search of work. Um Oeung says 20-month-old Tha Sophat started suckling the cow in July after he saw a calf do the same. Um Oeung told The Associated Press he pulled the boy away at first. He relented after his grandson protested loudly and the boy has suckled the cow's milk once or twice a day since then. Tha Sophat has lived with his grandparents in Siem Reap province in northwest Cambodia since his parents moved to Thailand looking for work.

Reports: Japan airport worker posts Obama flight

TOKYO (AP)—An air traffic controller at Tokyo's Haneda Airport faces possible punishment after posting confidential information on his blog, including the flight plan for President Barack Obama's visit to Japan last year, news reports said Saturday. The controller, identified only as a man in his 50s, uploaded a dozen photos he took of flight plans and radar screens onto his personal blog, according to public broadcaster NHK. A post about Air Force One included its route as well as takeoff and landing details which are normally kept secret for security reasons.

China slams Calderon's meeting with Dalai Lama

BEIJING (AP)—China said Saturday a meeting between Mexican President Felipe Calderon and the Dalai Lama damaged relations between the countries and interfered with China's internal affairs. Calderon met for about 45 minutes Friday with the Tibetan spiritual leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, who was in Mexico to speak at a conference on peace as the basis for happiness. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said the meeting "grossly interfered with China's internal affairs, hurt the feelings of the Chinese people and harmed Chinese-Mexican relations."

World

Israel, Egypt try to stem damage from embassy riot

CAIRO (AP)—Israel and Egypt's leadership tried Saturday to limit the damage in ties after protesters stormed Israel's embassy in Cairo, trashing offices and prompting the evacuation of nearly the entire staff from Egypt in the worst crisis between the countries since their 1979 peace treaty.

The 13-hour rampage deepened Israel's fears that it is growing increasingly isolated amid the Arab world's uprisings and, in particular, that Egypt is turning steadily against it after the fall of Hosni Mubarak, the authoritarian leader who was a close ally.

In Israelis' eyes, the scene of cars burning outside the embassy and the tale of six Israeli guards trapped inside for hours in a steel-doored safe room underscored their view that anti-Israeli sentiment in Egypt was running free after decades of being contained by Mubarak's regime. The ousted leader's powerful security forces never would have let a protest get near the Nile-side embassy.

Egypt's new military rulers, in turn, appear caught between preserving key ties with Israel—which bring guarantee them billions in U.S. military aid—and pressure from the Egyptian public. Many Egyptians are demanding an end to what they see as too cozy a relationship under Mubarak, who they feel knuckled under to Israel and the U.S., doing nothing to pressure for concessions to the Palestinians.

Egyptian security forces did nothing as hundreds of protesters massed Friday outside the Nile-side high rise residential building where the Israeli Embassy is located and tore down a concrete security wall Egyptian authorities erected there only weeks earlier. Many protesters saw the wall as a symbol of the government's willingness to protect Israelis but not Egyptians, since it was put up to keep back protests after Israeli forces chasing militants accidentally killed five Egyptian soldiers in the Sinai Peninsula.

Police and military also did little initially when a group of around 30 protesters after nightfall climbed in a third-story window and raced up to the embassy floors, broke into an office and began throwing Hebrew-language documents to the crowd below. The protesters ransacked parts of two floors of the embassy for hours until police finally managed to clear them out in the early hours Saturday.

Frantic Israeli calls to President Barack Obama brought American intercession to help ease the violence.

An Egyptian security official said the ruling military did not order the police to clamp down on the protests outside in order to "avoid a massacre." They couldn't move more quickly to clear out protesters inside the embassy because the fervent crowd outside "considered them heroes," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to talk to the press.

But in a Saturday evening television address, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu avoided any condemnations and instead stressed the need to maintain its strategic relationship with Egypt, whose peace with Israel—though sometimes chilly—has been a vital peg of stability for the Jewish state.

"We will continue to keep the peace with Egypt it is an interest of both countries," Netanyahu said.

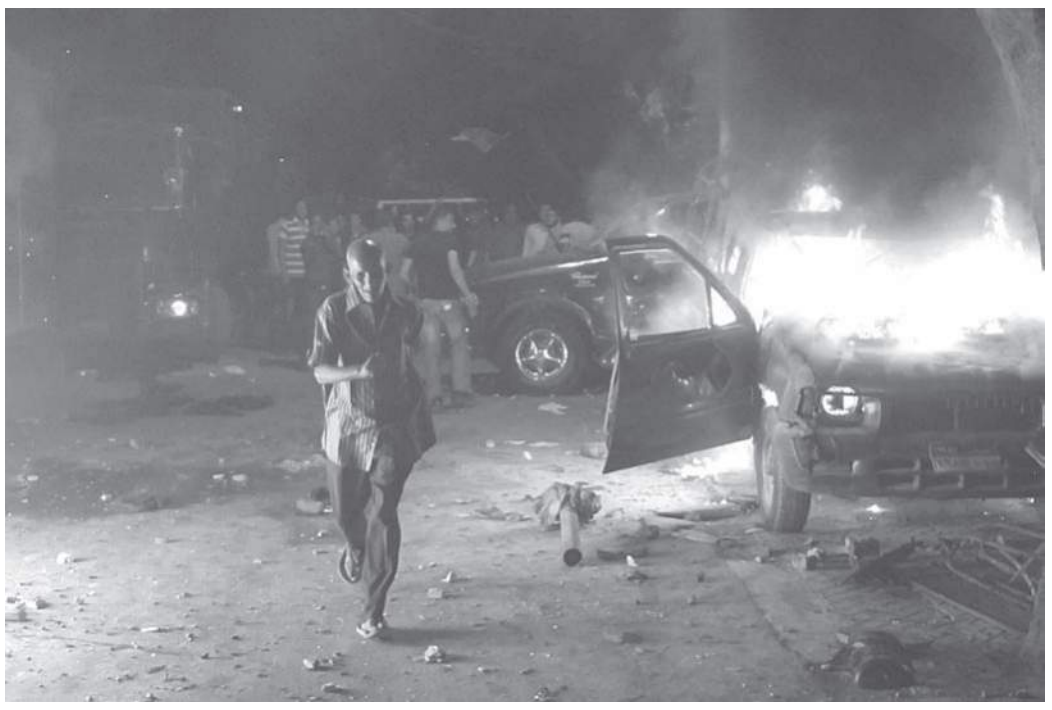
He thanked Egyptian commandos for rescuing the six trapped embassy guards, saying they "prevented a tragedy without a doubt" and stressed that Israeli officials had been in touch with Egyptian counterparts throughout the unrest.

Still, he and his Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman hinted the American intervention prompted Egyptian authorities to act. Both profusely thanked President Barack Obama for helping.

"I asked him to help, it was a decisive moment, I would even say fateful, he said he would do everything he could to help and he did so. He deployed all means and influence and I think we owe him a special thank you," Netanyahu said.

Lieberman said that after Netanyahu's call to Obama, "we immediately felt a change, a little more movement on the Egyptian side and I think that without elaborating the U.S. representatives did extraordinary work and they deserve the credit."

Both said Israel would send back its ambassador once conditions are right. The ambassador and the entire embassy staff except for one deputy ambassador were evacuated overnight from Egypt along with their families.



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An elderly man runs past flaming vehicles outside the building housing the Israeli embassy in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Sept. 9, 2011.

Chief of Libya's ex-rebels arrives in capital

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—The chief of Libya's former rebels arrived in Tripoli on Saturday, greeted by a boisterous red carpet ceremony meant to show he's taking charge of the interim government replacing the ousted regime of Moammar Gadhafi.

But even as Libya's new leaders tried to consolidate control over the vast country, Gadhafi loyalists pushed back hard against an assault on the town of Bani Walid, one of Gadhafi's remaining strongholds, in a sign that the battle is far from over.

Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, head of the anti-Gadhafi forces' National Transitional Council, landed Saturday at an air force base on the outskirts of Tripoli. A faded red carpet was rolled out, and hundreds of fighters and officials in suits rushed toward the plane as he walked down the steps. Some flashed victory signs or shouted "God is great."

Abdul-Jalil was mobbed by the crowd as he tried to make his way to the air force building. A fistfight broke out between two men after Abdul-Jalil was rushed inside, and one waved his pistol in the air. Other men trying to shove their way in knocked over a metal detector and a large potted plant.

After meeting with local leaders inside, Abdul-Jalil called for unity among Libyans to finish the fight against Gadhafi loyalists. He also called for forgiveness to allow Libyans to rebuild the country.

"This is not the time for retribution. This is not the time for taking matters into your own hands. Many rights have been lost and many tragedies have occurred," he said. "We have to realize that Moammar Gadhafi is not done yet and we must direct all our means to liberate the rest of the cities."

Abdul-Jalil's arrival was meant to show that the former rebels are getting ready to establish their government in the capital. Until now, most of leaders of the anti-Gadhafi movement had been based in the eastern city of Benghazi.

"It's a day that shows Libya is finally in the hands of its people," said Abdullah Gzema, an NTC member from the coastal city of Zawiya. "We know we have nothing ahead of us but challenges. The challenge now is to organize the state and that will be harder than the military campaign."

Ahmed Darrad, the NTC's interior minister, took the disorderly welcome for Abdul-Jalil in stride. "We expected that he would get a popular reception, but we didn't expect it to be quite to this extent," he said, smiling.

Revolutionary forces entered Tripoli on Aug. 21, six months after the uprising against Gadhafi began.

The fall of Tripoli effectively sealed the fate of Gadhafi's regime, but Abdul-Jalil stayed away from the capital until Saturday. His prolonged absence had raised questions about the former rebels' ability to take charge.

Tanzania ship sinks; 45 dead, hundreds missing

STONE TOWN, Tanzania (AP)—An overcrowded ship carrying at least 600 people sank in deep sea near one of Tanzania's top tourist destinations on Saturday, leaving at least 45 people dead and some 370 more believed missing or dead. Many of the missing are children.

The ferry, M.V. Spice Islanders, was heavily overloaded and some potential passengers had refused to board when it was leaving the mainland port of Dar es Salaam for an island north of the tourist destination of Zanzibar, said survivor Abdullah Saied, who said the boat was carrying at least 600 people. It sank in an area with heavy currents in deep sea between mainland Tanzania and Pemba Island at about 1 a.m. Saturday. Boats frequently traverse the route, but travel times vary depending on the vessel.

"I realized something strange on the movement of the ship. It was like zigzag or dizziness," said 15-year-old Yahya Hussein, who survived by clinging to a plank of wood with three others. "After I noticed that I jumped to the rear side of ship and few minutes later the ship went lopsided."

Hussein said there had been many children aboard the ship.

After the ship began to list, water rushed through the main cabin and stopped the engines, said Mwita Massoud, another survivor.

About 230 people had been rescued and 45 bodies had been recovered, said Mohammed Aboud Mohammed, the minister for state in the vice president's office.

"We appeal for calm to the public. The government is doing its best it can to handle the situation. There is no need to panic," said Mohammed. In the hours after the sinking, the government strongly discouraged journalists from reporting the event and tried to restrict information about the accident.

The green and hilly island of Pemba is often described as one of the best scuba diving destinations in the world. Tanzania is heavily reliant on tourism to support its economy.

Thousands of residents mobbed the docks of Stone Town on Zanzibar, an island near Pemba, waiting for news. One man was screaming that he had lost 25 members of his family, including his sisters, his wife and grandsons. He was too upset to give his name. Many of the crowd were crying or screaming. All the shops were closed.

Seven bodies have washed up so far, said witness Abdirizak Juma.

Many of those present expressed anger that the ship had been allowed to leave port so overloaded and called on government officials to resign. They said the island should have divers and rescue boats, but it only has a small vessel to try to stop smuggling.

In 2006, another ship capsized at the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar, claiming hundreds of lives.

WORLD BRIEFS

Storm aims at Mexico with 10 oil workers missing

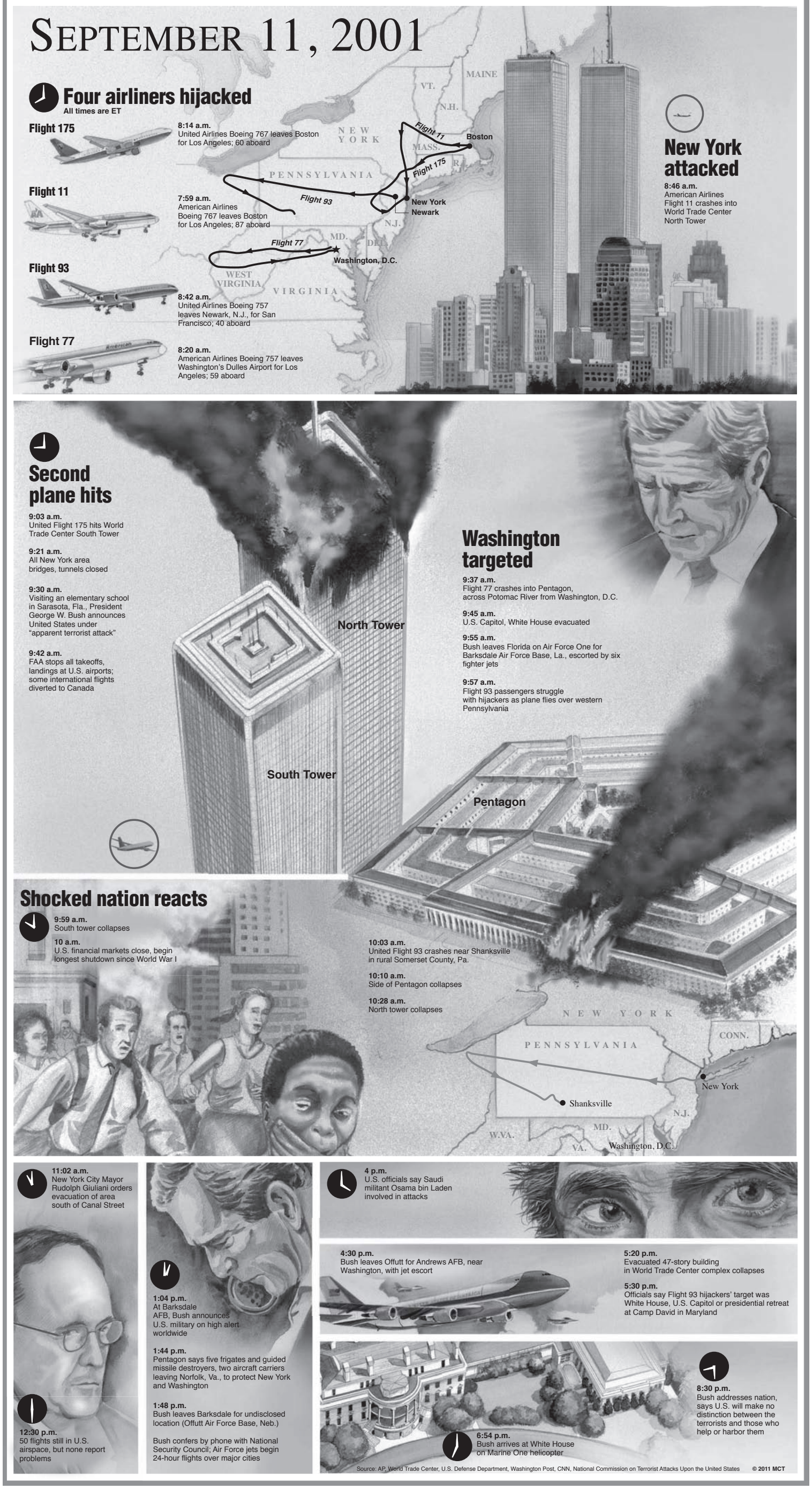
VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico (AP)—Air and sea search teams intensified their hunt Saturday for 10 missing oil workers as Tropical Storm Nate headed west, threatening new areas of Mexico's gulf coast where hurricane conditions are expected. Nate was expected to become a hurricane before making landfall later Sunday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said late Saturday night. Meanwhile, fishermen groups reported that at least a dozen of their colleagues aboard two Mexican shrimp boats went missing in the gulf on Friday.

French FM: No UN resolution on Syria a 'scandal'

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe on Sunday increased pressure on Russia to support a U.N. Security Council resolution against the Syrian regime, describing the lack of such a clear statement of condemnation as a "scandal." Juppe said during a visit to the Australian capital Canberra that Russia and France remained divided over Syria following talks between French and Russian foreign and defense ministers in Moscow last week.

Greek pledges to meet fiscal targets amid protests

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)—Greece will meet ambitious savings targets despite a deepening recession this year, the prime minister said Saturday, to secure the continued flow of international rescue loans that are protecting the debt-crippled country from a catastrophic bankruptcy. As George Papandreou delivered his annual, keynote speech on the economy in Greece's second-largest city of Thessaloniki, police on the streets outside clashed with violent demonstrators as more than 25,000 people—from taxi-drivers to sports fans—joined a wave of anti-austerity protests.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Four airliners hijacked
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American Airlines Boeing 767 leaves Boston for Los Angeles; 87 aboard
Flight 93
8:42 a.m.
United Airlines Boeing 757 leaves Newark, N.J., for San Francisco; 40 aboard
Flight 77
8:20 a.m.
American Airlines Boeing 757 leaves Washington's Dulles Airport for Los Angeles; 59 aboard
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American Airlines Flight 11 crashes into World Trade Center North Tower
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United Flight 175 hits World Trade Center South Tower
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All New York area bridges, tunnels closed
9:30 a.m.
Visiting an elementary school in Sarasota, Fla., President George W. Bush announces United States under "apparent terrorist attack"
9:42 a.m.
FAA stops all takeoffs, landings at U.S. airports; some international flights diverted to Canada
North Tower
South Tower
Washington targeted
9:37 a.m.
Flight 77 crashes into Pentagon, across Potomac River from Washington, D.C.
9:45 a.m.
U.S. Capitol, White House evacuated
9:55 a.m.
Bush leaves Florida on Air Force One for Barksdale Air Force Base, La., escorted by six fighter jets
9:57 a.m.
Flight 93 passengers struggle with hijackers as plane flies over western Pennsylvania
Pentagon
Shocked nation reacts
9:59 a.m.
South tower collapses
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U.S. financial markets close, begin longest shutdown since World War I
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United Flight 93 crashes near Shanksville in rural Somerset County, Pa.
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Side of Pentagon collapses
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New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani orders evacuation of area south of Canal Street
12:30 p.m.
50 flights still in U.S. airspace, but none report problems
1:04 p.m.
At Barksdale AFB, Bush announces U.S. military on high alert worldwide
1:44 p.m.
Pentagon says five frigates and guided missile destroyers, two aircraft carriers leaving Norfolk, Va., to protect New York and Washington
1:48 p.m.
Bush leaves Barksdale for undisclosed location (Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.)
Bush confers by phone with National Security Council; Air Force jets begin 24-hour flights over major cities
4 p.m.
U.S. officials say Saudi militant Osama bin Laden involved in attacks
4:30 p.m.
Bush leaves Offutt for Andrews AFB, near Washington, with jet escort
5:20 p.m.
Evacuated 47-story building in World Trade Center complex collapses
5:30 p.m.
Officials say Flight 93 hijackers' target was White House, U.S. Capitol or presidential retreat at Camp David in Maryland
8:30 p.m.
Bush addresses nation, says U.S. will make no distinction between the terrorists and those who help or harbor them
6:54 p.m.
Bush arrives at White House on Marine One helicopter
Source: AP, World Trade Center, U.S. Defense Department, Washington Post, CNN, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States
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Focus

A changed America: Marking 10 years since 9/11

NEW YORK (AP)—Ten years on, Americans come together Sunday where the World Trade Center soared, where the Pentagon stands as a fortress once breached, where United Airlines Flight 93 knifed into the earth.

They will gather to pray in cathedrals in our greatest cities and to lay roses before fire stations in our smallest towns, to remember in countless ways the anniversary of the most devastating terrorist attacks since the nation's founding, and in the process mark the milestone as history itself.

As in earlier observances, bells will toll again to mourn the loss of those killed in the attacks. Americans will lay eyes on new memorials in lower Manhattan, rural Pennsylvania and elsewhere, concrete symbols of the resolve to remember and rebuild.

But much of the weight of this year's ceremonies lies in what will largely go unspoken—the anniversary's role in prompting Americans to consider how the attacks changed them and the larger world and the continuing struggle to understand 9/11's place in the lore of the nation.

"A lot's going on in the background," said Ken Foote, author of "Shadowed Ground: America's Landscapes of Violence and Tragedy," examining the role that veneration of sites of death and disaster plays in modern life. "These anniversaries are particularly critical in figuring out what story to tell, in figuring out what this all means.

"It forces people to figure out what happened to us," he said.

On Saturday in rural western Pennsylvania, more than 4,000 people began to tell the story again.

At the dedication of the Flight 93 National Memorial near the town of Shanksville, former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden joined the families of the 40 passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 who fought back against their hijackers.

"The moment America's democracy was under attack our citizens defied their captors by holding a vote," Bush said. "The choice they made would cost them their lives."

The passengers and crew gave "the entire country an incalculable gift: They saved the capital from attack," an untold amount of lives and denied al-Qaida the symbolic victory of "smashing the center of American government," Clinton said.

They were "ordinary people given no time at all to decide and they did the right thing," he said. "And 2,500 years from now, I hope and pray to God that people will still remember this."

The Pennsylvania memorial park is years from completion. But the dedication and a service to mark the 10th anniversary of the attacks are critical milestones, said Sally Ware, one of the volunteer "ambassadors" who has worked as a guide at the site since the disaster. Ware, whose home was rocked when the jet crashed two miles away, recalled how hundreds of people flocked to the site in the days afterward to leave their own mementos and memorials. She began volunteering after finding one along the side of the road—a red rose placed atop a flight attendant's uniform.

"It really bothered me. I thought someone has to take care of this," said Ware, whose daughter is a flight attendant. Now, a decade later, she said the memorial may do little to ease the grief of the families of those who died in the crash. But the weekend's ceremonies recall a story with far broader reach.

The ceremonies honor those who "fought the first battle against terrorism—and they won," Ware said. "It's something I don't want to miss. It's become a part of my life."

On Sunday, the nation's focus turns to ceremonies at the Pentagon, just outside Washington, D.C., and in lower Manhattan for the dedication of the national Sept. 11 memorial. President Barack Obama planned to attend ceremonies at all three sites and was scheduled to speak at a Sunday evening service at the Kennedy Center.

The New York ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m., with a moment of silence 16 minutes later—coinciding with the exact time when the first tower of the trade center was struck by a hijacked jet. And then, one by one, the reading of the names of the 2,977 killed on Sept. 11—in New York, at the Pentagon and in rural Pennsylvania.

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Health & Fitness

Adult smoking rate edges down slightly: CDC data

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO (AP)—Fewer U.S. adults are smoking and those who do light up are smoking fewer cigarettes each day, but the trend is weaker than the government had hoped.

According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report released Tuesday, 19.3 percent of adults said they smoked last year, down from about 21 percent in 2005. The rate for smoking 30 or more cigarettes daily dropped to about 8 percent from almost 13 percent during the same time period.

The report only compared last year with 2005 and says the decline means 3 million fewer adults were smoking. The CDC earlier reported that the 2009 rate was 20.6 percent and rates fluctuated during the five-year period.

The five-year decline was much slower than a drop seen over the previous 40 years, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Atlanta-based agency. He said any decline is a good step, but also said tobacco use remains a significant health burden.

"About half of all smokers will be killed by tobacco if they don't quit," Frieden said during a news briefing.

"You don't have to be a heavy smoker or a long-time smoker to get a smoking-related disease or have a heart attack or asthma attack," Frieden said. "The sooner you quit smoking, the sooner your body can begin to heal."

The 2010 numbers are based partly on face-to-face interviews with almost 27,000 Americans aged 18 and older.

Increases in federal and state taxes on cigarettes and new clean air laws are among reasons for the drop, said Dr. Tim McAfee, director of the CDC's office on smoking and health.

Those positive trends have been offset by efforts from the tobacco industry, including offering discounts to consumers, McAfee said.

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They include the names of 37 of Lt. Patrick Lim's fellow officers from the police department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Lim, assigned to patrol the trade center with an explosives detection dog, rushed in to the north tower after it was hit to help evacuate workers. He and a few others survived despite still being inside a fifth-floor stairwell when the building fell.

In the years since, Lim said he has wrestled with survivor's guilt, realizing the last of those he'd urged ahead of him were crushed when the tower collapsed. He took shelter in selective memory, visualizing the ground covered with women's shoes amid the destruction.

"That's how I got through that, because what was attached to the shoes was a lot worse," Lim said.

The 10th anniversary has forced Lim to revisit an experience he's worried too many people have pushed from their minds. But the approach of Sunday's ceremonies has convinced him of the value of revisiting Sept.11, both for himself and others. When it happened, talking about the events of that day "wasn't easy for me. This was very difficult. But it became ... a catharsis," he said. "What I want is for people to remember what happened."

And so arrives a weekend dedicated to remembrance, with hundreds of ceremonies across the country and around the globe—from a memorial Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York to a ceremony featuring nine-stories-tall replicas of the twin towers on a plaza in Paris.

It's easy to forget: As much as 9/11 was an American tragedy, it had a profound affect far beyond U.S. shores. Many who died were citizens of other countries. And the attacks set in motion a decade of wars, more terrorist attacks in Europe and Asia and a worldwide law enforcement offensive that has netted tens of thousands of suspected terrorists.

On Sunday, for all the magnitude of the attacks, some of the most powerful ceremonies will likely be the smallest and most personal.

In Newtown, Conn., retired American Stock Exchange floor broker Howard Lasher planned a ceremony Sunday morning under the canopy of six maple trees standing alongside his gravel driveway; their trunks are painted to resemble an American flag.

Lasher commissioned the painting in the weeks just after Sept. 11, 2001, as a tribute to nine Amex colleagues and the son of another who died inside the trade center.

"I wanted something that would reach out to people, that people would not forget," Lasher said of the memorial, which has since become a local landmark. "When people drive by here, I want them to envision what this country has been, for all its greatness, and that we should not forget the people who were lost that day and in all the wars, because they died defending what it represents."

And in Brown City, Mich.—with a population of about 1,300 and no direct connection to the attacks—firefighters plan to lay 343 roses on a 15,000-pound steel beam salvaged from the World Trade Center, in honor of their New York City brethren who perished in the disaster.

Since venturing to New York in June to claim the beam and bring it home, the Michigan firefighters have finished building a brick plaza, lighted around the clock and crowned by three flagpoles. Already, this has become a local shrine, Chief Jim Groat said.

A few days ago, a couple from St. Joseph, Mich. who happened to be driving through, pulled into the fire station lot when they spotted a sign for the memorial. Groat came out to speak with them and the woman explained that she was a flight attendant for American Airlines who'd been aboard a plane the morning of the attacks.

Then she turned to face the steel beam from the trade center.

"She just stood there and cried. She said she was just honored that somebody still cares," Groat recalled. The chief observed silently, before offering an invitation.

"Will I see you here on Sept. 11?" he asked.

"I'll be here," she answered.

Personal Trainer
Good jump rope technique
Jumping rope is serious exercise; it boosts cardiovascular and muscle endurance while it builds agility and strength.
How much is enough?
For a few weeks, alternate 30 sec. of jumping with 30 sec. of jogging in place
Slowly build up to 2 min. of jumping, 2 min. of jogging
For full aerobic benefit, build up to sessions lasting 20 to 40 min.
Avoid moving arms too much; to start, turn rope just fast enough to keep its arc, then go faster
Rope should reach your armpits when you stand on its center
Note: Jumping may be too strenuous for people in poor physical condition
Look straight ahead, not at feet
Keep body erect and relaxed
Keep knees slightly bent
Land on balls of feet, not heels
Wear aerobic shoes or supportive sneakers
Source: The Wellness Encyclopedia
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Jumping makes a good rainy day substitute when cycling or jogging is difficult

In Celebration of His New Life

Antonio Litulumar Kaipat

Retired Police Lieutenant

May 20, 1952—September 03, 2011

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Parents: Mariano Borja Kaipat & Guadalupe Litulumar Kaipat
Parents In-Law: Manuel Manibusan Castro & Maria Jones Castro

Brothers/Sisters: Daniel L. Kaipat, Francisco L. Kaipat, Maria Kaipat, Aunora Kaipat, Joaquina Kaipat
Brothers & Sister In-Law: Juan J. Castro, Joaquin J. Castro, Margarita J. Castro

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Celina Castro Kaipat
Children/Spouse:
Lynette Castro/Alfred Gonzales (Thomas, Isabel, Tammie, Angel, Denzel, Alfred Jr. & Maria)
Evelyn/Lawrence Concepcion (J.J., Jonathan & Balbina)
John C. Pangelinan (Clayton, John II & Noecia)
Antoinette Kaipat/Jesse Wabol (Yalina & Wallis)
Pearl Kaipat/Shaun Santos (Ignacio & Sinahi)
Antonio Kaipat II/Magdalena Flores (Cassidee)

Reared Children: Bonifacio J. Castro II & Francisco A. Villagomez

Brothers/Sisters
†Francisco/Jacinta Kaipat
Diego/Damiana Kaipat
Clotilde/Tobias Aldan
Isabel/Dennis Davis
Josepha L. Kaipat
Jose/Marianne Kaipat
Ricardo/Merslynn Kaipat
Emery/Elizabeth Kaipat

Reared Sister: Juliana S. Kaipat

Brothers/Sisters In-Law:
†Margarita J. Castro
Joseph /Marilyn Jones
Manuel Castro Jr.
†Juan/Nancy Castro
Juanet/John Dela Cruz
†Joaquin/Elisa Castro
Bonifacio Castro/Maria Olaitaman
Bernadita/Pedro Manalo
Daniel/Dorothy Castro
Rosita Castro
Benjamin/Vivian Castro
Eddie/Roberta Castro

He is also survived by his nine (9) god-children and numerous relatives and friends.

On Monday, September 12, 2011, our beloved will be escorted from the CHC Chapel to the Family Residence in San Roque at 3:30 p.m. Holy Rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. followed by Responso thereafter.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., his remains will leave the Family residence and will be escorted to the Kirsto Rai Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. and will follow immediately by Interment Service at the Tanapag Public Cemetary.

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank You
Ginen I Asagua-ña yan I Familia

Life & Style

Michael Jackson jury 30-page survey is released

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jury selection in the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor is moving forward with 145 prospective jurors cleared for further questioning after answering an in-depth questionnaire probing their views about the King of Pop and the criminal case against his doctor.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor decided Friday that there were sufficient prospective jurors available to go on to the next phase—in-court questioning on Sept. 23.

The 30-page questionnaire, which seeks extensive personal information, challenged prospective jurors to share their feelings about the dead superstar and about the fact that his famous family members will be in court every day for testimony.

They were asked whether they have seen the posthumous Jackson concert movie, "This Is It," and whether they have bought Jackson CDs, DVDs or memorabilia.

"Have you ever considered yourself a fan of Michael Jackson or the Jackson family?" they were asked.

They were required to specify how much they know about the involuntary manslaughter case against Dr. Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty in Jackson's death from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol.

Among the questions: Have potential jurors read newspaper stories about the King of Pop's death? Have they followed coverage of legal developments? Did they watch the funeral or memorial service for Jackson who died on June 25, 2009, or did they try to attend the services in person?

The form also gave prospective jurors a warning that publicity about the case will be heavy and they must ignore it.

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In this Jan. 25, 2011 file photo, Dr. Conrad Murray, singer Michael Jackson's personal physician, appears in Los Angeles Superior Court where Murray pleaded not guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the pop star's 2009 death.

"There will be cameras, reporters members of the Murray and Jackson families, and members of the public present in the courtroom," said one question. "... Would the presence of cameras and these people affect your responsibility to be completely fair and impartial to both parties in the case?"

One question already answered in court was that every member of the jury pool has heard of the high profile case.

The questionnaire included a list of 27 drugs including the anesthetic propofol. Potential jurors were asked whether they had a familiarity with the substances, whether they or anyone they know has taken them and whether they have ever had anesthetic for a medical procedure.

Murray is accused of gross negligence in his treatment of Jackson and prospective jurors were asked about their attitudes toward doctors.

The prospects were asked if they followed media coverage on high profile cases including those of O.J. Simpson, Robert Blake, Phil Spector and Casey Anthony.

"Did you form any opinions about the criminal justice system as a result of following these cases?" the form asked.

They are asked to state if they have formed an opinion on Murray's guilt or innocence.

As in a speech the judge gave to them in person, potential panelists were warned on the questionnaire to avoid Internet coverage of the case including posts on Facebook, Twitter and blogs.

Among the 113 questions asked of prospects was whether they believe celebrities receive special treatment in the criminal justice system.

Lawyers will begin studying the questionnaires in which participants also disclose their backgrounds and knowledge of Jackson's career. Some could be dismissed if they expressed extreme bias in the case.

Pastor lectured the jury candidates earlier in the day on the importance of jury service and their duty to insulate themselves from outside information about the trial.

"The electronic age is upon us," said Pastor, "and there are numerous mechanical devices for obtaining information."

He reiterated concerns that the final jury chosen for the trial will be unable to resist the lure of the Web.

"Some of us can't avoid sharing our thoughts with a quarter of a million people every day," he said in a reference to social networking. "We trust them ... but we don't know what their agenda is."

Pastor also stressed the patriotic duty of jury service. And he had everyone rise and face the flag for a moment of silence in observance of the upcoming 9/11 anniversary.

Murray could face four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted. The trial, expected to last about five-weeks, will focus on the Houston-based cardiologist's actions in the final hours of Jackson's life.

Gallery to auction Amelia Earhart goggles, photos

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A Northern California gallery plans to auction goggles it says were worn by famed aviator Amelia Earhart during an early plane crash.

The auction Sunday in Oakland will also feature negatives and photographs of Earhart, who disappeared while trying to circumnavigate the globe. Clars Auction Gallery, which is running the auction, said 15 of the photographs—the bulk of the lot—include shots of Earhart at a barbershop and making other preparations for the round-the-world flight, as well as the plane taking off on March 17, 1937.

That was one of two attempts Earhart made that year to circumnavigate the globe. Her plane would disappear during the second attempt a few months later. She was declared dead in 1939.

"It's more like a day-in-the-life concept," said Marcus Wardell, a furniture and decorative arts specialist with the gallery. "She's getting up in the morning, packing, going to the barber's and the plane sort of taking off."

Those photographs were recently discovered by a California woman whose mother was a student of Earhart's and received the photographs as a gift from the pilot, Wardell said. They were expected to fetch between $600 and $800 each.

The goggles—1920s Luxor aviator goggles that have a cracked left lens—were brought into the gallery's free appraisal clinic by Barbara Englehardt, a Contra Costa County resident who got them from a friend about 20 years ago.

AP

An original, unpublished personal photo of Amelia Earhart dated 1937, along with goggles she was wearing during her first plane crash are seen Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at Clars Auction Gallery in Oakland, Calif.

Earhart was wearing them during a 1921 plane crash, Wardell said.

The collection also includes autographed photos and negatives of Earhart.

"Normally, you get one or two items at a time," Wardell said. "You don't get such a large collection."

The goggles were estimated to fetch between $20,000 and $40,000. Wardell said goggles Earhart wore during her flight across the Atlantic Ocean went for more than $140,000 two years ago.

"I had no clue how valuable they were," Englehardt said in an interview Saturday. "They were just valuable to me. I cherished them for a long time."

Englehardt said her friend bought the goggles at an antique gun show although she did not know for how much.

Earhart gave the goggles to her flying instructor, Neta Snook Southern, who told Englehardt that she gave them to a friend, according to Englehardt.

Englehardt, who just turned 72, said she wanted to ensure the goggles weren't lost or discarded if something happened to her.

"Anybody that's going to pay that much money for the goggles, they really want them and will take care of them," she said. "And that's what I want."

She planned to split the proceeds with the friend who gave her the goggles and hoped to buy a new car.

Broadway marks 9/11 anniversary with iconic song

NEW YORK (AP)—Joel Grey, Kara DioGuardi, Bebe Neuwirth, Ben Vereen and Brian Stokes Mitchell—along with sailors, nuns, drag queens, ballerinas and a Spider-Man—helped mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks with a full-throated reprise of the song "New York, New York."

The stars and cast members from musicals like "The Book of Mormon," "Anything Goes" and "Priscilla Queen of the Desert, the Musical" gathered in Times Square on Friday to belt out the John Kander and Fred Ebb song made famous by Frank Sinatra.

The event was put on to support the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance's I Will Campaign, which asks people to observe the anniversary by performing good deeds, supporting charitable causes, volunteering and engaging in acts of compassion.

"Each of us has a gift. Each of us has something that we have been given. Each of us has something that we can share with others. That's part of what today is about: using the gifts that we were given to make the world a better place," Mitchell said.

The event drew together puppeteers from "War Horse," singing nuns from "Sister Act," sailors from "Anything Goes," crooners from "Jersey Boys," colorfully-dressed drag queens from "Priscilla Queen of the Desert," dancing children from "Billy Elliot: The Musical," Reeve Carney of "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" and the four main actors in "The Book of Mormon"—Andrew Rannells, Josh Gad, Nikki M. James and Rory O'Malley.

Firefighters from a nearby firehouse were saluted and NYPD Officer Daniel Rodriguez also sang an operatic "God Bless America." As the sun moved away and left the square in darkness, the Broadway singers lifted their voices and arms as they sang the city's anthem.

The mini-concert was a replay of what the Broadway community sang 10 years ago to promote theater in New York City following 9/11. One newcomer this time was DioGuardi, the songwriter and ex-"American Idol" judge who has begun performances in "Chicago."

"I think it's really important that everyone on the day remember to take some time out to remember the people we lost and hopefully help someone in need," she said.

Fire damages LA home once occupied by Nicholson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A blaze badly damaged a home in the Hollywood Hills that once was occupied by actor Jack Nicholson, injuring two firefighters.

Fire officials say the blaze broke out shortly before 8 p.m. Friday at a house perched on a slope in the Hollywood Hills. Matt Spence, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department, says nearly 90 firefighters were on scene with two being taken to a hospital for unknown injuries.

The fire was knocked down in about 1 1/2 hours. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

According to the Nexis service, Nicholson had lived in the house at one time. Afterhours phone messages left for two of Nicholson's representatives were not immediately returned.

Winehouse's dad says he thinks seizure killed her

NEW YORK (AP)—Amy Winehouse's father says he believes she died after suffering a seizure related to alcohol detoxification and "there was nobody there to rescue her."

The soul diva, who had fought drug and alcohol problems for years, was found dead in bed at her London home on July 23. Her family says toxicology reports indicated there was alcohol in her bloodstream but it was unclear whether this had contributed to her death at age 27.

Mitch Winehouse said Friday during a taping of Anderson Cooper's new syndicated talk show that traces of the prescription drug Librium, which is used to fight anxiety and withdrawal symptoms of alcoholism, were found in her body.

"Everything Amy did, she did to excess," he said on the show, which is to air as Cooper's debut Monday. "She drank to excess and did detox to excess."

He said he regretted that his daughter—whose most famous song, "Rehab," has her answering "no, no, no" when told to go to rehab—was trying to kick her alcoholism without a doctor's help. He said "the periods of abstinence were becoming longer, and the periods of drinking were becoming shorter. It was heading in the right direction."

AP

In this Friday Feb. 16, 2007 file photo British singer Amy Winehouse poses for photographs after being interviewed by the Associated Press at a studio in north London.

The singer, whose other hits include "Tears Dry on Their Own," had suffered seizures during this period and would lose consciousness. Her father admitted he was speculating that this happened on the morning she died and said he should find out more conclusively how she died when a full inquest into her death begins next month.

Years earlier, when Amy Winehouse was on harder drugs including heroin and cocaine, her father said, he would not have been surprised if she had died.

Mitch Winehouse, who is starting his own singing career, was in New York when his daughter's security guard called him in July. Hearing the distraught tone of the security guard's voice, the father said his first words were, "Is she dead?"

Amy Winehouse's breakthrough "Back to Black" album was recently certified as the best-selling disc in Britain so far during the 21st century. The updated take on old-time soul also was responsible for five Grammy Awards.

"When she wasn't drinking," her father said, "she was absolutely on top of the world."

He occasionally dabbed tears from his eyes as Cooper's show ran video clips of her. He said he was comforted by the outpouring of support from her fans. Her mother, Janis Winehouse, said she's had people approach her to thank her for having the singer.

Mitch Winehouse said he blamed the singer's ex-husband, a music industry hanger-on, for introducing her to hard drugs but did not blame him for her death. He said she had not taken drugs since December 2008.

Mel Gibson plans to produce film on Jewish hero

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mel Gibson, who reportedly made anti-Semitic remarks during a drunken driving arrest five years ago, is now producing a film about the life of Jewish hero Judah Maccabee.

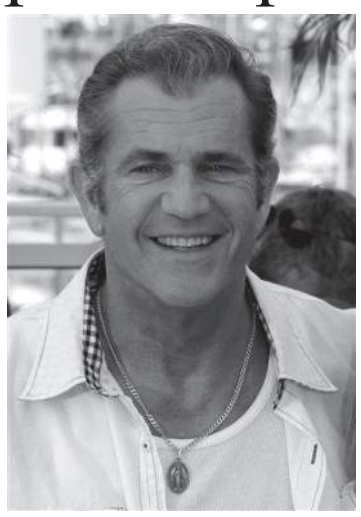
Gibson's publicist, Alan Nierob, told The Associated Press Friday that Gibson is working on a deal with Warner Bros. to develop the film through his company, Icon Productions. What Gibson's exact role will be—whether he might direct or even star in the film—hasn't been determined.

"Warner Bros. would like him to direct," Nierob said. "He is the first choice for the studio to direct it, but until there's a deal in place and a script that's finished, it will be his choice as to whether to direct it or not."

Joe Eszterhas of "Basic Instinct" and "Flashdance" fame is writing the script. No timetable is in place for it to be completed and for production to begin.

But Gibson's involvement with bringing Maccabee's story to the screen in any form has angered some Jewish leaders. Maccabee, who's acclaimed as one of the greatest warriors in Jewish history, helped inspire the celebration of Hanukkah.

"We would have hoped that Warner Bros. could have found someone better than Mel Gibson to direct or perhaps even star in a film on the life of the Jewish historical icon Judah Maccabee," Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said in a statement. "As a hero of the Jewish people and a universal hero in the struggle for religious liberty, Judah Maccabee deserves better."



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In this May 18, 2010 file photo, actor Mel Gibson arrives at a photo call for the film, "The Beaver," at the Cannes International Film festival in France.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said: "Casting him (Gibson) as a director or perhaps as the star of (a film about) Judah Maccabee is like casting (Bernard) Madoff to be the head of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or a white supremacist as trying to portray Martin Luther King Jr. It's simply an insult to Jews."

The American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants said: "Holocaust survivors are aghast that a major Hollywood studio would join with Mel Gibson in this venture and view it as an affront to all victims of anti-Semitism, intolerance, and sexism."

Nierob declined to respond to the backlash from Jewish leaders. Warner Bros. had not responded by Friday afternoon to a request for comment on the project itself or the negative reaction it has drawn.

Gibson, the Oscar-winning director of "Braveheart," has defended himself against accusations of anti-Semitism ever since his 2006 drunken driving arrest, in which a deputy's report revealed Gibson made Jewish and sexist slurs while in custody.

Last month, he reached a $750,000 settlement with his ex-girlfriend, Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva, and agreed to continue providing housing and financial support for their young daughter to resolve a bitter legal fight that followed sexist, racist rants attributed to the actor.

His last project was "The Beaver," a drama in which he starred opposite director Jodie Foster as a man who sinks into such a deep depression, he can only communicate through a beaver hand puppet. Gibson earned strong reviews for his performance but the film itself, which came out in May, only made about $6.4 million worldwide.

U2's Bono says he'll be a proud American on 9/11

TORONTO (AP)—As the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks draws near, U2 frontman Bono admits he's "a very proud American on 9/11."

He says "it's just too big a moment in all our lives. Even if you're not American, everyone became an American that day."

The Irish-born rocker made the comments on the red carpet for the U2 documentary "From the Sky Down," which opened the Toronto International Film Festival on Thursday night. The film chronicles the band's recording of their seminal 1991 album, "Achtung Baby."

Bono will be in New York on Sunday with his wife, Ali Hewson, for a fashion event promoting a men's collection for their EDUN line. The couple launched the not-for-profit fashion company in 2005 to raise awareness for business opportunities in Africa.

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Singer Bono, from left, director Davis Guggenheim and musician The Edge attend the opening night gala screening of "From The Sky Down" at Roy Thompson Hall during the Toronto International Film Festival on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2011, in Toronto.

Decision for surgery weighs heavily on wife fighting fat

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: My new doctor has told me I'm considered morbidly obese. We discussed the yo-yoing weight problems I have had since I was a child, and she said I'd be a good candidate for gastric bypass surgery.

My husband is super-supportive of the idea and so is the rest of my family. My mother even suggested I encourage my sister—who is even heavier than I am—to research it. But when I mentioned it to my mother-in-law, "Evelyn," she was not thrilled.

Evelyn is the only other overweight person in the immediate family here in Maryland, I suspect that she doesn't want to be the only heavy person in the family if I have the surgery. Her husband wants to be active and do things. He does them with my husband and me because Evelyn can't. I know this upsets her.

How can I tell her that at 28, I want to do something about my weight problem now in order to live a long, healthy life? I don't want to end up like her when I'm older—bitter about my slimmer, healthier, more active husband doing things without me.

DYING TO BE HEALTHY

DEAR DYING: This isn't about Evelyn. It is only about you and the fact that your doctor has recommended you consider this medical procedure. If Evelyn raises the subject, remind her that this is the case. And of course, omit any reference to the idea that she might be "bitter," or that her slimmer, healthier husband is doing things without her, because it will only make her more defensive.

DEAR ABBY: My longtime friend Jim had a stroke several years ago. His wife was struggling to keep him at home while working, taking care of the house, cooking and doing other endless chores. She found it difficult even to get out of the house for a haircut. She confided to me the hurt she felt when friends never followed through on their general offers of assistance.

Our discussion led to the formation of the FOJ (Friends of Jim's) Club. Everyone in our "elite" group commits to spending two hours a month with Jim. The time slots we fill are recorded on our FOJ calendar. This time provides a needed respite for Jim's wife and an opportunity for Jim to interact with others and get out of the house. Because the time commitment is for a defined—but not overly long—period of time, people are more willing and able to make a commitment they know they can keep.

I encourage your readers to form similar "friends clubs." They can bring light and support to caregivers as well as to those being cared for. And this gift of love will circle back. I know because I'm a ... FRIEND OF JIM'S IN CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

DEAR FRIEND OF JIM'S: Jim and his wife are fortunate to have such a loyal and stalwart circle of friends as you and your fellow FOJ Club members. I have printed letters from time to time about random acts of kindness; yours is the most organized effort I have heard about. The gift of "self" you are giving your friend is the most precious gift one can give. And I hope it will be remembered by anyone who reads your letter.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

A BEE LANDED ON YOUR BACK!
A BEE?! ACCKK! GET IT AWAY!!
DON'T MOVE, AND IT WON'T STING YOU.
JUST STAND STILL AND TRY NOT TO IMAGINE THAT IT MIGHT VERY WELL CRAWL DOWN YOUR SHIRT AND INTO YOUR PANTS!
HE IMAGINED IT.
YOWW!
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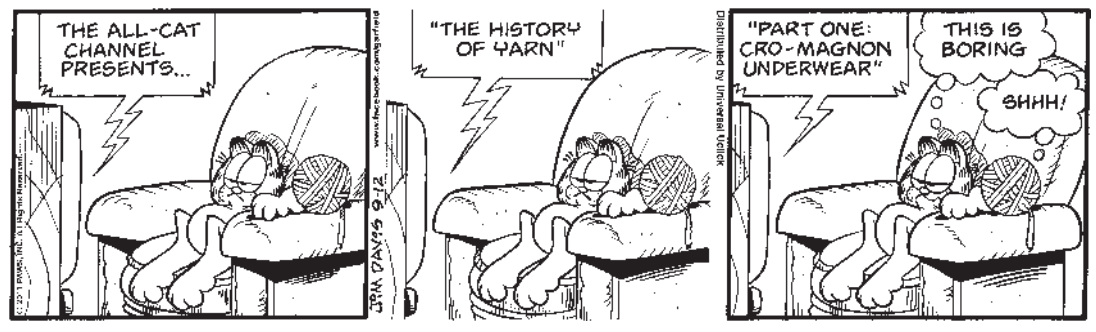
By Jim Davis



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By Bryan Basset

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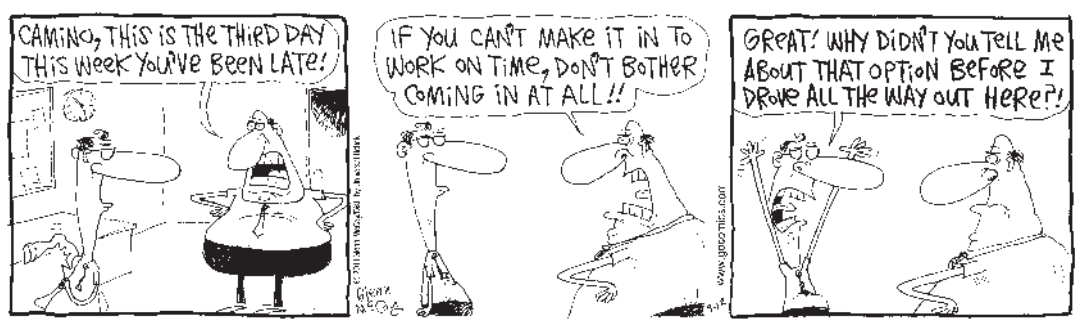
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


CAMINO, THIS IS THE THIRD DAY THIS WEEK YOU'VE BEEN LATE!
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT IN TO WORK ON TIME, DON'T BOTHER COMING IN AT ALL!!
GREAT! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT OPTION BEFORE I DROVE ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?!
GLENN MCCOY
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Assn.
4 Photo, for short
7 Brussels-based alliance
11 Reddish horse
13 Parisian pal
14 Valhalla VIP
15 Othello's foe
16 Carpet
17 "Finding —"
18 $1,000
20 Long story
22 Pick a target
24 Saskatchewan's capital
28 Mixture
32 NYC Marathon founder Fred
33 Body powder
34 Hoover, for one
36 Hawaiian fowl
37 Acrylic fiber
39 At ease
41 Interlocked
43 Kids' card game
44 Wilson of "Midnight in Paris"
46 Cockpit occupant
50 First victim
53 Journal
55 Verdi opera
56 Short skirt
57 Actress Gardner
58 Black (Fr.)
59 "Back in Black" rock band
60 Sweet potato
61 Trawler need

DOWN
1 First (Abbr.)
2 Sound from 47-Down
3 Pop singer Lady —
4 Standard
5 Radio host Don
6 Stogie
7 One approaching 100
8 Citric drink
9 Allen or Curry
10 John's Yoko
12 Virgin, to a bartender
19 Use a shovel
21 Solidify
23 Crazy
25 Mountain goat
26 Zilch
27 Dumbstruck
28 Molecule component
29 Stallion's partner
30 "— Well That Ends Well"
31 Scratch
35 Kitten's call
38 Fresh
40 Once around the track
42 Postpone
45 — Scotia
47 Jungle critter
48 Garfield's pal
49 Small pie
50 "I — Camera"
51 Pen name?
52 Conclusion
54 Group of whales

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 9-12

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emmy Rossum, 25; Jennifer Hudson, 30; Benjamin McKenzie, 33; Jennifer Nettles, 37.

Happy Birthday: Avoid making unnecessary alterations to your personal life and home. Strive for greater stability and emotional awareness. Helping others will bring you help in return. Love and romance are highlighted, and doing whatever you can to enhance relationships will pay off. Travel and knowledge are key to getting ahead and expanding possibilities. Your numbers are 5, 7, 14, 20, 26, 32, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): React practically rather than emotionally or you will face a situation that will require far more attention than you anticipate. Sharing your plans will lead to meddling and a slowdown. Take on responsibilities on your own to avoid interference. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Focus on finishing what you start. Do your best to get along with colleagues and authority figures. Appeal from the heart and you will be given extra privileges. Good fortune will develop through networking or socializing. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Lend a helping hand, but don't allow anyone to take advantage of you. Slow down and think about consequences before you do or say anything that will affect others. Impulsive or willful action will result in a loss that will affect your reputation and finances. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Participate in social activities or take a day trip to interact with friends or relatives. The conversations you have will reinforce what you should do in your personal life. An offer to make a professional move may also entail relocation. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Seek out as much information as you can. Visit destinations that are conducive to discovering what you need to know. Adapt and make changes to your life that will encourage greater freedom to follow through with creative ideas that you have been contemplating. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You can accomplish much as a team player. Interact with people from different backgrounds and you will come up with a plan that will benefit everyone. Offering assistance will lead to long-term partnerships and good fortune. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Expect to face opposition. A partner will question your motives and strategy. Share your thoughts openly and deal with any negative response upfront. Partners may not agree with you, but once it's revealed why, you will be given greater leeway. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't waste time. Put work first and you will reap rewards. Your way of doing things will draw attention from people who have something unique to contribute. Change is good, and you are overdue to begin the process. A partnership will bring good fortune. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Step back and take a reserved look at your situation before you respond. People will be sensitive and unlikely to forgive and forget should you do or say something hurtful. Avoid travel plans or getting involved in controlling groups. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Catch up on correspondence and look at your investments and personal paperwork. Make changes that will ensure that you protect your assets. Do what you can to improve your domestic situation and surroundings. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Get serious about your future by checking out what you have accumulated and what you can discard for a profit. Improve your reputation by being responsible in your actions. Strive to be at your best mentally, physically, emotionally and financially. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): The emphasis should be on partnerships. Whether it's business or pleasure, coming to terms with what pleases everyone, including you, should be your goal, leading to greater collaboration in the future. Love should not be ignored. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are responsible, eager to learn and persistent. You are a perfectionist and a hard worker, always willing to do your share.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

		7			9	2		
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	6		1				7	
		8	9			1		

Difficulty Level ★ 9/12

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

1	9	4	5	6	8	2	3	7
8	7	6	2	9	3	5	1	4
5	3	2	7	4	1	9	8	6
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6	4	7	8	1	9	3	2	5
9	1	8	4	3	6	7	5	2
4	2	5	9	8	7	1	6	3
7	6	3	1	2	5	4	9	8

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/12

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID QUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

ART CLASSES Solution: 8 letters

P	N	E	P	O	A	C	O	N	T	O	U	R	Y	P
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C	A	L	L	O	M	T	T	G	A	I	E	K	A	S
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B	A	T	Y	D	E	S	I	G	N	R	R	O	Ⓘ	S
L	B	A	S	I	C	C	M	I	C	R	O	N	Ⓕ	A
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Last Saturday's Answer: Bachelor

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Position: One.
Contract: Two-year.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MERLY P. BACANI-MARQUEZ, Petitioner,	**FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0241**
Versus	**SUMMONS**
ARNOLD L. MARQUEZ, Respondent.	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2011.

/S/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

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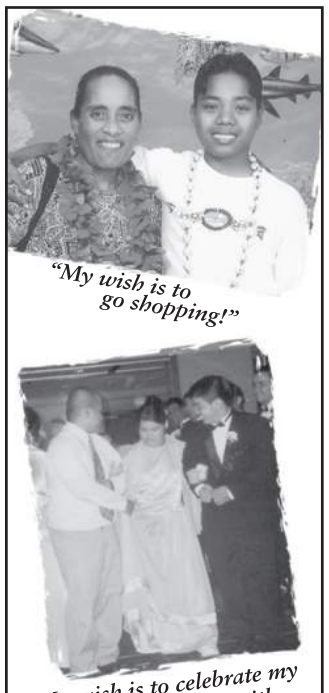

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Djokovic, Nadal headed to final at US Open

NEW YORK (AP)—Facing two match points against a beloved player whose name is already in the history books, Novak Djokovic clenched his jaw, nodded his head and flashed an ever-so-slight glimpse of a smile.

"I would lie if I say I didn't think I'm going to lose," Djokovic said.

Might as well go down swinging then, right?

He turned violently on a wide, 108 mph serve from Roger Federer for a cross-court, forehand winner that barely nicked the line. The fans in Arthur Ashe Stadium, ready to explode for a Federer victory, instead found themselves taking a cue from Djokovic - who raised his hands, asking them to pump up the volume, and give him a little more love.

About 10 minutes later, those fans were dancing with Djoko as he boogied at center court to celebrate an epic U.S. Open semifinal win - one in which he dug out of a two-set hole, then saved two match points to beat Federer for the second straight year.

Top-seeded Djokovic won 6-7 (7), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 Saturday to improve to 63-2 on the year and set up a rematch in the final against No. 2 Rafael Nadal, who beat No. 4 Andy Murray 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 in the second semifinal.

In the first match, Djokovic completed only his second career comeback from two sets down, while Federer lost a two-set lead for the second time in less than three months after going 178-0 lifetime before this year's Wimbledon quarterfinals.

It all turned on one shot.

"The forehand return, I cannot explain to you because I don't know how it happened," Djokovic said. "I read his serve and I was on the ball and I had to hit it hard, and it got in, luckily for me."

Nadal beat Djokovic in the final last year, but Djokovic is 5-0 against the Spaniard this year. All the meetings have been in tournament finals, including Wimbledon. On Monday, Nadal must try to stop the losing streak against a player who will come into the final on the high of a win he called definitely the biggest of the year and "one of the biggest wins of the career under the circumstances."

"He's obviously the favorite for the final, and I know I have to do something better than the other matches to try to change the situation," Nadal said.

Djokovic spent much of the first two sets shaking his head, commiserating with the folks in his players box, even folding his hands in mock prayer. Then, he turned things around suddenly and unexpectedly.

He got an early break in the third to capture the momentum, and as the match wore on, the prospect of Federer grabbing it back, let alone getting a match point, seemed bleak.

In the fourth set, Djokovic placed 16 of 20 of his first serves in and tore off his first 15 service points to easily push the match to the distance.

The fifth-set end-game started with Djokovic serving at 3-4 and stringing together an uncharacteristically bad game, getting broken at love on two mishit forehands, a framer of Federer's that set up a winner and a double fault on a second serve that missed the line by about a foot.

AP

Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot to Roger Federer of Switzerland during a semifinal match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011.

After missing a backhand to open his service game at 5-3, Federer hit three straight serves Djokovic couldn't get back. That gave him two match points, same as he had last year against Djokovic in the semifinals, and the fans were squarely on his side, as he stood oh-so-close to making his 24th Grand Slam final and moving a win away from adding to his record 16 Grand Slam titles.

But Djokovic isn't putting together one of the greatest seasons in tennis history for nothing. And Federer wasn't totally convinced the shot that turned the match was legit. He said the Djokovic winner reminded him of shots hit by players he played as a kid - who fall behind, then start taking huge chances when they feel they have nothing else to lose.

"I never played that way," Federer said. "I believe in the hard-work's-going-to-pay-off kind of thing, because early on, maybe I didn't always work at my hardest. So for me, this is very hard to understand how can you play a shot like that on match point. But, look, maybe he's been doing it for 20 years, so for him it was very normal. You've got to ask him."

But Federer couldn't put it away on his second match point, either.

There, his serve hit the back of the line and jammed Djokovic, but somehow Djokovic got it back. Federer cranked a forehand, but it ticked the net and ricocheted out. Federer sprayed a forehand wide at deuce and suddenly, a crowd gearing for a Federer win was shouting "No-vak! No-vak! No-vak!"

Djokovic said it was no insult that the fans had been behind Federer, who makes some kind of history seemingly every time he steps on a court.

Still, the current world No. 1 wasn't giving up on capturing their hearts. Which was why he made a scene between the match points - an awkward time for showmanship, though one Federer said he had no problem with.

"At that stage, you're trying to get as much support as you can," Djokovic said. "You're trying to get energy."

Stoked with that energy, Djokovic won the last four games and, counting the two match points he saved, he took 17 of the final 21 points.

The match took 3 hours, 51 minutes, while Nadal's win was a 3 hour-24 minute affair.

But thanks to the rain that scrubbed two days of play from this tournament and reshuffled the schedule, Djokovic and Nadal will get a day's rest between the semifinal and the Monday final. It's a break from the long U.S. Open tradition of closing things out on back-to-back days on the weekend.

Murray and Nadal were each playing their third match in three days and the toll showed more on Murray, who had the tougher road.

"We knew it was going to be like that for quite a few days and just tried to get through it and deal with it the best way we could," Murray said. "But it was never going to be easy."

Fittingly, given how things have gone lately, the start of the Federer-Djokovic semifinal was delayed for about an hour because showers began falling shortly before the players were supposed to walk on court, which had "9/11/01" painted in white to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Serena runs away from Wozniacki

NEW YORK (AP)—This one didn't come down to a foot fault, a referee's call or anything else that could've made Serena Williams mad.

Nope, just a feel-good Saturday night for a player who has had her share of injuries and turmoil over the past few years.

In what was supposed to be her toughest test yet at the U.S. Open, Williams dominated top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals to move a win away from her 14th Grand Slam title.

"For me, it's amazing," Williams said. "I've come a long way, a really long way."

Williams, who missed the better part of a year with injuries and illness, was back in the semifinals at Flushing for the first time since 2009 when, also on a Saturday night in Arthur Ashe Stadium, she got called for a foot fault against Kim Clijsters, then went on a tirade against the referee that cost her match point.

An ugly moment she'd love to forget—sort of the same way Wozniacki would like to forget almost everything that happened on a worst-case-scenario night for her in the world's biggest tennis stadium.

Her loss left No. 9 Sam Stosur as the last player with a chance to stop No. 28 Williams at a tournament in which she has lost a grand total of 29 games over six matches and hasn't dropped a set. Stosur beat Angelique Kerber 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 to reach her second Grand Slam final. They'll have a quick turnaround and play Sunday, with Williams going for her fourth U.S. Open championship on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It meant a lot to me to come out here as an American and still be in the tournament," Williams said. "I really wanted to play tomorrow. Such a special day for the United States, so I'm really excited."

Williams finished with 34 winners, compared to five for Wozniacki, though the clearest picture was painted early in the second set when Williams led 20-0 in that category.

That's typical of each player's game—Williams is about power and Wozniacki is about persistence—but the difference on this night was glaring and the contest turned into a mismatch.

"I never gave up. I was always trying to play the next point, the next point," Wozniacki said. "But Serena played very, very well today. She's in great shape. Hitting all her strokes. And that serve was a killer."

Williams finished with 11 aces.

Wozniacki did make it competitive for a brief moment, taking advantage of Williams' two loose shots and a double fault to pull to 5-4 in the second set.

But Williams answered with a forehand winner, then drove Wozniacki into the corner on two shots she couldn't get back. Five points later, it was over, and Williams was jumping up and down in the middle of the court to celebrate—a marked difference from the last time she reached this point.

"For me, it's amazing," Williams said. "I've come a long way. Thinking about going from being in the hospital to beating the No. 1 player. I think it calls for an even bigger reaction."

Wozniacki has spent most of the last year as No. 1 and has a new boyfriend - golf's Rory McIlroy. But McIlroy is the only one in this pairing who will finish the year as a U.S. Open champion and Wozniacki will keep having to answer that question: What's it like being No. 1 when you can't win the big one? She is still looking for her first Grand Slam title.

"I'm still No. 1 in the ranking and still No. 1 in the race," Wozniacki said. "No one can take that away from me right now. Serena played great today. She's a great champion and I wish her well."

While her counterpunching style works against almost everyone else, it clearly didn't against Williams, who is showing she really is the world's best when she's healthy and motivated. Normally cool and collected while she's chasing on the baseline, Wozniacki let the frustration show, chucking her racket to the ground after flying a forehand long while trailing 3-1 and deuce in the second set.

"She can't even throw her racket down hard enough," commentator John McEnroe quipped. "Got to work on that."

Midway through the first set, Williams needed a medical timeout to tend to a sore toe on her right foot - a brief reminder of all the trouble she's been through over the past 14 months.

Less than a week after winning Wimbledon in July 2010, Williams cut her foot on glass at a restaurant in Germany. A few days later, she played in an exhibition match against Clijsters in Belgium, but then decided to have surgery on her right foot, and she now has a jagged scar that runs several inches from the top of that foot up her leg.

Williams needed a second operation on that foot, and later was hospitalized for clots in her lungs, then a gathering of blood under the skin of her stomach.

She was off the tour for nearly a full year, not returning until June.

"It's such an arduous, long road," Williams said. "I can't believe it. I really can't."

Rays slip past Red Sox in 11 innings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Evan Longoria hit an RBI single in the bottom of the 11th inning, helping the Tampa Bay Rays rebound after blowing a ninth-inning lead to beat the Boston Red Sox 6-5 on Saturday night and pull within 41/2 games of the AL wild card leaders.

Desmond Jennings opened the 11th with a triple off Daniel Bard (2-7) that lunging center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury couldn't reach. After B.J. Upton hit a grounder to first, Longoria lined a single to center on an 0-2 pitch.

Brandon Gomes (2-1) worked 1 1-3 perfect innings for the Rays.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Ellsbury hit consecutive one-out solo homers in the ninth off closer Kyle Farnsworth to pull the Red Sox even at 5.

AP

Boston Red Sox's Adrian Gonzalez, bottom, slides into second base in an attempt to break up a double-play throw by Tampa Bay Rays shortstop Sean Rodriguez, top, to put out batter David Ortiz during the ninth inning of a baseball game on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Angels 6, Yankees 0

In Anaheim, Dan Haren pitched a four-hitter for his fifth career shutout and retired 18 straight batters as the Los Angeles Angels climbed within 11/2 games of the AL West lead with a victory over CC Sabathia and the New York Yankees.

Haren (15-8) went the distance for the 15th time in 253 career starts, striking out seven and walking none for the 13th time this season. He threw 113 pitches and held the AL East leaders to a pair of eighth-inning singles after giving up a ground-rule double to Derek Jeter on his second pitch and a single by rookie Jesus Montero leading off the second.

White Sox 7, Indians 3, 10 innings

In Chicago, Alex Rios hit a game-ending grand slam in the 10th inning to lift the Chicago White Sox over Cleveland.

Rios' one out, first-pitch shot off Chris Perez (3-7) was Chicago's first game-ending home run this season and his first career grand slam.

Tigers 3, Twins 2

In Detroit, Brandon Inge hit his second game-ending homer of the season, giving the Tigers a victory over the Twins.

With two out in the bottom of the ninth, Inge hit a 2-1 pitch into the left-field stands off Glen Perkins (4-4) to give Detroit its eighth straight victory.

Inge hit a game-ending homer on April 13 against Texas' Darren Oliver.

Athletics 8, Rangers 7

In Arlington, pinch-hitter Scott Sizemore's grand slam in the sixth inning helped the Athletics end a nine-game skid against Texas.

With the score tied at 3, Rangers starter Alexi Ogando (12-8) hit Josh Willingham with a pitch leading off the sixth, and David DeJesus followed with a single. Texas manager Ron Washington replaced Ogando with lefthander Mike Gonzalez.

Blue Jays 5, Orioles 4

In Toronto, pinch-hitter J.P. Arencibia hit a game-winning single with two out in the ninth as the Blue Jays rallied to beat the Orioles, snapping Baltimore's winning streak at three games.

Trailing 4-3 to begin the inning, Toronto's David Cooper struck out against Clay Rapada before Orioles manager Buck Showalter called closer Kevin Gregg (0-3) in to finish.

Royals 4 Mariners 2

In Seattle, Felipe Paulino struck out 11 and allowed two hits in seven innings, and Eric Hosmer his a two-run homer in the first to lead Kansas City over Seattle.

Paulino (3-10) gave up homers to Justin Smoak and Mike Carp, but he tamed the rest of the Mariners. He tied his career high in strikeouts and walked none.

Phillies 3, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Raul Ibanez doubled and scored on LaTroy Hawkins' throwing error in the 10th inning, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 on Saturday night for their sixth straight win.

The NL East-leading Phillies are on pace for their best season in franchise history and could clinch a playoff berth on Sunday with a win and a loss by St. Louis.

Hunter Pence and Placido Polanco homered for the Phillies, who are 12 games ahead of Atlanta in the division.

Cardinals 4, Braves 3

In St. Louis, Lance Berkman had a single, RBI double and walk—reaching base seven straight times over two games—and St. Louis inched closer in the NL wild card race by beating Atlanta.

Jaime Garcia (12-7) worked six efficient innings, and Rafael Furcal had two hits and his 300th career steal for the Cardinals, who doubled four times and scored four runs in the first three innings against Derek Lowe (9-14). They've taken the first two games of a three-game series to reduce Atlanta's wild card lead to 5 1/2 games.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 5, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Chris Young and Lyle Overbay homered off Heath Bell in the ninth to send the game into extra innings, then Joe Thatcher walked in the winning run in the 10th to give Arizona a victory over San Diego.

The Diamondbacks stretched their franchise-record, home-winning streak to 15 games—the longest in the majors this season. They have won 16 of 19 overall.

Dodgers 3, Giants 0

In San Francisco, Dana Eveland combined with two relievers to throw a six-hitter, and Los Angeles delivered another blow to San Francisco's dismal playoff hopes with a victory over the defending World Series champions.

Eveland (2-0) allowed three hits and struck out three in seven-plus innings. Kenley Jansen pitched out of a jam in the eighth, and Javy Guerra tossed a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

Cubs 5, Mets 4

In New York, Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run single with two outs in the ninth inning, rallying the Chicago Cubs past the New York Mets after they blew a three-run lead in the eighth Saturday.

Jason Bay had given the Mets a 4-3 lead in the eighth with a two-out, two-run single. But some more sloppy play by New York in the ninth and another meltdown by Bobby Parnell (3-6) helped the Cubs even a three-game series that will culminate with a ceremony Sunday to mark the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Rockies 12, Reds 7

In Denver, Jordan Pacheco's first home run broke a fifth-inning tie and he added a two-run single in the eighth to lift Colorado over Cincinnati.

The teams combined for nine home runs in the first five innings.

The Reds hit five homers off starter Alex White, who tied a Rockies record for homers allowed in a game. White gave up three homers in succession, and he has allowed nine homers in 22 innings in four starts with the Rockies.

Marlins 3, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Anibal Sanchez pitched a one-hitter and tied his career high with 11 strikeouts to win for just the second time in 16 starts as Florida topped Pittsburgh.

The only thing that stood between Sanchez (8-7) and the second no-hitter of his six-year career was Neil Walker's one-out single to left field in the third inning. Pittsburgh loaded the bases in that inning but Sanchez struck out Jeff Locke (0-1) to end the threat.

Astros 9, Nationals 3

In Washington, Wandy Rodriguez earned his 11th win, and Carlos Corporan drove in three runs in Houston's victory over Washington.

Carlos Lee had a double, single and an RBI, and Jason Bourgeois had three hits and an RBI for the Astros, who had six consecutive hits in a six-run third inning. Lee has driven in at least 80 runs in 13th straight seasons, second only to Alex Rodriguez among active players.

Vikings give Peterson $100M over 7 years

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Adrian Peterson thinks he's the best running back in the game.

Now he's getting paid like it, too.

Peterson agreed Saturday to a contract extension with the Vikings that includes $36 million in guaranteed money and as much as $100 million over the next seven years if he plays that long with Minnesota.

"It means a lot, man," Peterson said. "It shows from ownership and just this organization, that they recognize that. They recognize the player they have. It means a lot.

"But money don't make you. It's hard work. Continuing to work hard and my focus is going to continue to be to help this team."

The deal came five days after the Vikings locked up linebacker Chad Greenway to a lucrative long-term contract, the latest in a line of millions of dollars doled out to top players by owner Zygi Wilf since he and his family purchased the franchise in 2005.

Peterson has begun the final year of his rookie deal on a $10.72 million salary and was in prime position for a big pay day.

After setting the NFL's single-game rushing record with 296 yards against San Diego in 2007, Peterson has been picked for the Pro Bowl in each of his four seasons. He's already second in Vikings history behind Robert Smith with 5,782 yards rushing for his career, and his 54 touchdowns over the last four years are the most in the league over that span.

"Adrian loves playing for the Minnesota Vikings," his agent, Ben Dogra, told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "Deep inside he wanted to finish his career with the Minnesota Vikings."

Already making major money this season, Peterson was in line for an even bigger salary in 2012 if the Vikings used their franchise tag to keep him from unrestricted free agency. He was content, then, to let the negotiations between Dogra and the Vikings work themselves out—and not protest any lack of progress.

"He said, 'Look, I'm under contract. I'm just going to play,'" Dogra said. "He never contemplated holding out. He understands the business side of things. He's very smart like that. He only knows one speed in life, and that's all out. That's why they call him, 'All Day.'"

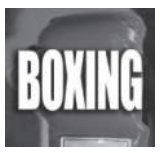
Chris Johnson sat out for more than a month until the Tennessee Titans worked out a deal with their star running back that will pay him up to $56 million over the next six years, including $30 million guaranteed. And DeAngelo Williams of the Carolina Panthers recently got a contract worth as much as $43 million over the next five years with $21 million guaranteed.

But Peterson's new deal, essentially a six-year extension through the 2017 season, when he will be 32, easily surpasses those.

"You sit back and go, 'Hey, I've got 36 million guaranteed. That's not going anywhere,'" Peterson said. "I'm sure you'd be pretty comfortable, too. Comfortable, but not relaxed, because it's not going to take away from how I play this game, my passion about this game. I'm in this position because of how I play this game."

Even if Peterson lasts only five more years, not a given with the wear that running the ball in the NFL puts on a player's body, he'll get $65 million.

Pacquiao eyes four more fights



Manny Pacquiao will do four more fights after his trilogy with Juan Manuel Marquez on Nov. 12 and then hang up the gloves.

This is based upon Pacquiao's biannual ring ritual and venerable promoter Bob Arum's pronouncement to ESPNNewYork.com that the pound-for-pound king will stop fighting in November 2013.

Within that two-year span, Arum wants to insert Floyd Mayweather Jr. in the rotation.

Unlike the timetable, however, Arum is unsure whether Mayweather will finally take the bait after insisting on Olympic style drug testing for the megabuck bout with Pacquiao to happen.

"I'm more certain about when Pacquiao will be fighting than who," Arum told TheSweetScience editor Michael Woods. "He's going to fight in the spring, and he fights in fall; that's the pattern we've had recently."

While admitting that he's keen on tangling with Mayweather, who's slated to do battle with Victor Ortiz on Sept. 17, Pacquiao said he won't lose a sleep if it doesn't materialize.

In New York to further drum up interest on Pacquiao-Marquez III, the Sarangani representative said he's satisfied with what he's done and achieved in boxing.

Hall of Fame trainer Freddie Roach joined Pacquiao in the second leg of the world press tour and said his ward is going to knock out Marquez this time. ***(PDI)***

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Rangamar worked a takedown for top position and managed to take Alvarez's back, however the latter escaped and caught a triangle submission, but could not get his opponent to tap. Instead, Rangamar slipped out and dealt out some nice blows at the bell.

The first of many moments of confusion took place at the start of the third round when the referee almost called the fight over, as Rangamar seemed to walk away from the fight. Alvarez's corner prematurely lifted their fighter in victory, but Rangamar was not quitting, as he was just looking for his mouthpiece.

The bout continued and Rangamar found himself in the bottom position again. He wall crawled a couple times, but was dragged back to the ground by Alvarez. At one point Rangamar got to his feet and scored a takedown and mounted Alvarez, but the latter escaped and snuck in another takedown in the final 20 seconds.

After the third round when judges turned in their cards for a decision, one judge did not add his card correctly, causing a discrepancy in the scores. The bout was originally set for only three rounds, but because of these errors, it went to five.

Both fighters came out swinging in the fourth, and Alvarez landed some good strikes before getting caught in a double-leg takedown. Still he wiggled out and almost locked in a Kimura submission. Rangamar fought it off and assumed the top again, issuing some hard strikes in the process, but Alvarez escaped anew and answered with some good blows at the bell.

With both fighters gasping for air, Alvarez dug deep and outwrestled Rangamar in the final round after a quick flurry by both fighters, and in the end the former had the belt secured around his waist.

Meanwhile, the triple main event pairings all ended with swift one-sided victories, and the female exhibition fight was a big hit with the crowd.

USA's JJ Ambrose of Tiger Muay Thai made light work of South Side Syndicates Rob "Pitbull" Palacios, winning by referee stoppage due to strikes at 1:59 of the first round.

In the scariest moment of Friday's madness, Guam's Mike "The Attack" Limiac of the Tsunami Gym swiftly submitted TT's "Badd" Brad Palacios with a nasty arm bar that bent the latter's arm backwards.

Then Trench Tech's Mylo "AlabaMMA"" Lassiter gave Mron San Nicolas a country butt whooping in the heavyweight finale, winning by referee stoppage due to strikes at 3:32 into the first round.

In the female boxing exhibition, Guam's Gianna "GiaBaby" Sarusal and independent Tara "The Tarantula" Namauleg did a great job warming up the audience early in the night.

In the first main event, Ambrose ran a Jiu-Jitsu clinic on Palacios, manhandling him into a prime for some ground and pound action. Ambrose wasted no time putting an end to the fight. After the fight, Ambrose apologized to the crowd for coming over overweight. He was originally set to take on TT's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse, but the latter opted out due to the weight gap.

The second main event was almost a blur, as it took just 31 seconds for Limiac to catch his prey. Palacios was visibly in pain as the doctor rushed over to alleviate the situation.

Trench Tech's lone heavyweight brawler, Lassiter, improved his unbeaten streak to three; all of his wins came in the first round.

Lastly, in the female boxing exhibition, both women circled each other for three rounds and judges declared both fighters winners as the match was held in an exhibition setting.

Notably, the bout between Trench Tech's Ryan "Trobz" Ngirbabul and independent Derrick San Nicolas was cancelled, while Brandon "Commotion" Camacho was awarded a win via forfeit against Danny "Warrior" Santos.

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in XTERRA World and also participated in the weekend race to get ready for the prestigious tournaments.

"XTERRA World has a trail run so this Banzai course is a good warm up for me," Sublemente said.

Completing the Top 3 in the half marathon course was Japan's Goto Taro, who was also a first timer. The Japanese runner submitted 2:14:28 and was in a neck-and-neck race to the finish line against second female finisher Natasha Kuckuck.

Kuckuck beat Taro by only two seconds for another bridesmaid finish. She debuted in the Banzai run last year and logged 2:05:56, more than two minutes behind the 2:03.41of champion Rebecca Reed. Other finishers in the half marathon race were Roy Ortizo (2:20:07), Mahesh Balakrishnan (2:22:28), Michael Towle (2:23:03), Bill White (2:32:14), Seki Saori (2:34:46), and Roxie Lamar (2:34:47).

In the 8-kilometer fun run, Chad Lowe completed the race first with a time of 29:39, followed by Alexander Racoma (33:54) and father and daughter Daniel (1:04:33) and Soleil Lamar (1:04:34).

This year's Banzai run was supported by Subway, Coca-Cola, IT&E, Athlete's Foot, DFS, and Marianas Visitors Authority.

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dropped to an even 2-2 record after losing steam in the fourth and final quarter.

The Jets were ahead in the majority of the third period and hung on to a 44-43 advantage, entering the fourth canto before they resorted to one-on-one plays and faltered on their bid to move on top of the team standings.

The Jets leaned too much on Sahj Hossain in the fourth period and although the wingman still scored six points, he missed several shots and their offense became predictable, making it easy for the Rollers to neutralize him.

In contrast, the Rollers dug deeper on their bench in the fourth and drew enough contributions from their second stringers. Don Brennan, who was scoreless in the first three periods made all his nine points in the final canto. His five straight points off a triple and a fastbreak layup gave Rollers their biggest lead, 65-54, with less than four minutes left on the clock. Pat Torres chipped in seven, while four other players scored for Rollers in the payoff canto.

The Rollers outgunned the Jets in the fourth period, 28-17—the most margin they had—as the first three quarters were close battles.

Both teams had slow starts with the Rollers leading by only four after 10 minutes of play, 17-13. Leo Galarse top-scored for the Rollers in the opening period with six markers, while James Webb caught fire early making back-to-back triples.

The Rollers and Jets continued to play flat in the second quarter, as they tallied four field goals each and the former hung on to a 27-26 halftime lead.

After failing to score in the second quarter, Webb teamed up with Hossain and Eugene Manglona in the third quarter where the Jets outgunned the Rollers for the first time, 18-16. The trio canned all the Jets baskets in the third period.

However, the Jets could not hang on to the driver's seat in the fourth period, as Manglona spent most of the minutes at the bench, while Webb scored only when the game was already in the bag for the Rollers. The rest of the Jets players watched Hossain carried most of the cudgels for the team.

SIP 105, Samahang Laguna 61

Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense cruised past Samahang Laguna, 105-61.

SIP led from start to finish with its balance offense and hot shooting from downtown. Five players scored in double figures for SIP, which converted seven triples.

Siblings Nevin and Niko Salem had 20 points apiece, John Darah logged 16, and Jon Cenir and Jaymark De Guzman added 14 and 13, respectively.

The win improved SIP's record to 2-2, while Laguna is still winless in four games.

First Game

SIP/AON 105 – Ni. Salem 20, Ne. Salem 20, Darag 16, Cenir 14, De Guzman 13, Aranda 8, Palacios 4, Mariano 4, Alegre 2.

Samahang Laguna 61 – F. Macahito 26, Cabaltica 11, Habijan 10, Manalili 8, Gagaring 4, Madreo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-11, 49-23, 74-39, 105-61.

Second Game

Filcag/Rollers 71 – Galarse 17, Torres 12, Kiyoshi 11, Brennan 9, Namelo 8, Reyes 5, Hambros 6.

AFP/Jets 64 – Hossain 25, Webb 17, Manglona 9, Caro 8, Benavente 2, Cadiang 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-13, 27-26, 43-44, 71-64.

BLOWOUT

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Inc. Rollers, 58-32.

The Aces kept pace with Party Rockers in the opening period, 6-8, as Christopher Tadec canned six points.

Then in the second period, Party Rockers put a lid on Tadec and stretched the lead to 12 at halftime, 20-8. Jeraldine Castillo and Kriz Gozon tallied six points apiece for Party Rockers in the first half.

Castillo added seven more in the third quarter, as Party Rockers shot ahead, 35-10. The all-female Party Rockers never looked back from thereon.

Gozon finished with a game-high 15 points, while Tadec provided all but one of the Aces' baskets in the loss.

In the second matchup, Proa's Karlo De Leon caught fire early with 13 points in the first quarter, as he and his crew jumped out to a 21-5 lead after the tip.

In the second quarter, De Leon's teammates stepped up, as Proa rolled on to a 41-19 halftime advantage. Then in the third, Proa spread the wealth anew, as seven different players pressed a daunting 59-21 lead. Proa had no trouble closing the final canto for the 44-point win.

De Leon led the field with 15 points, while Kunoichi's Jamie Mendoza turned in a team-high 10 on the short end.

In the final pairing, 670's Prince Factor scored six points in the first period to help his team build an early 12-5 advantage.

MBI's offense stalled anew in the second quarter and 670 trudged ahead to a 26-7 lead at the break. Factor returned in the third quarter and added nine points and his team continued the cruise.

Factor and Irvin Malonzo teamed up for 33 points, while MBI's John Darag managed 16.

Meanwhile, this Saturday's games will have 670 taking on the Aces at 11am and MBI battling the RBC Angels at 12:30pm. Then the ladies go head-to-head, as Kunoichi collides against Party Rockers at 2pm.

First Game

Party Rockers 57 – Gozon 15, Castillo 13, Lebria 11, Ito 8, Johnson 6, Samson 4.

Ol'Aces 16 - Tadec 14, Vidal 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-6, 20-8, 35-10, 57-16.

Second Game

Proa 73 – Deleon 15, J. Palacios 10, Deleon Guerrero 9, Manalili 6, Aldan 4, Cepeda 4, Canares 4, Villagomez 6, T. Palacios 2.

Kunoichi 29 – Mendoza 10, Williams 8, Pagarao 7, Mesa 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-5, 41-19, 59-21, 73-29.

Third Game

670 Rollers 58 – Factor 17, Malonzo 16, Espinosa 6, Camacho 4, Feria 4, Alcor 3, Ano 3, Iglesias 3, Pangelinan 2.

MBI Rollers 32 – Darag 16, Regis 8, Acodiado 2, Venus 2, Rios 2, Zion 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-5, 26-7, 43-19, 58-32.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	57	.604	–
Boston	85	60	.586	2 1/2
Tampa Bay	80	64	.556	7
Toronto	73	73	.500	15
Baltimore	58	86	.403	29

Central Division

Detroit	83	62	.572	–
Chicago	73	71	.507	9 1/2
Cleveland	71	72	.497	11
Kansas City	61	86	.415	23
Minnesota	59	86	.407	24

West Division

Texas	82	64	.562	–
Los Angeles	80	65	.552	1 1/2
Oakland	66	79	.455	15 1/2
Seattle	61	84	.421	20 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	94	48	.662	–
Atlanta	84	62	.575	12
New York	71	74	.490	24 1/2
Washington	66	77	.462	28 1/2
Florida	65	79	.451	30

Central Division

Milwaukee	85	62	.578	–
St. Louis	78	67	.538	6
Cincinnati	71	74	.490	13
Pittsburgh	66	79	.455	18
Chicago	63	82	.434	21
Houston	49	96	.338	35

West Division

Arizona	85	61	.582	–
San Francisco	75	70	.517	9 1/2
Los Angeles	72	72	.500	12
Colorado	68	77	.469	16 1/2
San Diego	62	84	.425	23

Yesterday's Games

Toronto 5, Baltimore 4
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Detroit 3, Minnesota 2
Oakland 8, Texas 7
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 5, 11 innings
L.A. Angels 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
Kansas City 4, Seattle 2
Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Colorado 12, Cincinnati 7
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 0
Houston 9, Washington 3
Philadelphia 3, Milwaukee 2, 10 innings
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 3
Arizona 6, San Diego 5, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 3, San Francisco 0

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LOCAL SCORES

UFO STANDINGS

Open

Namfrel/Proa	4	0
UPAA/Hoopaholics	5	1
Cabalen/Noni	3	1
Visminda/Satbahi	4	2
Bayani/Mobil	3	2
Ali'i Konflikt	3	4
Cavite/Andok's	1	4
NMBA/Mixed Blood	1	4
MDX/Blue Haus	0	6

Masters

MDX/Armatech	3	1
Cabalen/Wings Trave	3	1
VisMinda/Piahi	3	1
MAFEA/RNV	0	3
SAFSWO/Ebisuya	0	3

Youth

MDX/Armatech	3	1
Filcag/Rollers	3	1
AFP/Jets	2	2
SIP/AON	2	2
Samahang Laguna	0	4

Weekend Sports

CNMI sluggers triumph in Pacific Games

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After an inconsistent performance in the elimination round of the baseball competition, the CNMI capped its bid in the 2011 Pacific Games with a bang, winning the gold medal in New Caledonia.

The CNMI sluggers, who finished the round-robin play with a 3-2 record and were the last team to make it to the playoffs, won three games in two days to rule the six-team baseball competition. The Commonwealth first defeated New Caledonia, 11-5, and then blanked Palau in the semifinals, 8-0, to advance to the championship against Guam. The CNMI went on to nail an 8-4 victory in the finals against Guam to win the gold medal and avenge its 5-6 loss against its neighbor in the elimination.

The CNMI Baseball Team is composed of Joshua Jones, Juan Maratita, Eric Tenorio, Ian Rogolifoi, Keoni Lizama, Mike Iguel, Vince Cepeda, Elton Santos, Jesus Iguel, Tyrone Omar, Franco Flores, Thomas Joab, Jerome Delos Santos, Byron Kaipat, Manny Sablan, Craig Sanchez. Tony Rogolifoi managed the squad, while Saipan Major League Baseball president Rose Igitol joined the team in New Caledonia.

The 2011 Pacific Games gold medalists were scheduled to return home early this morning.

Besides baseball, the CNMI also competed in athletics, beach volleyball, and golf in New Caledonia. The Commonwealth golfers and spikers missed making it to the medal podium in the 2011 Pacific Games. In athletics, Rachel Abrams made it to the 200m finals, while Dexter Dillay and Trevor Ogomuro had decent showings in their respective events.

In local competitions, on-going leagues here continued.

In the Blue Haus caging at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court, Cell Pro, MBI, and Sherwin Williams survived their respective playoff assignments.

Over at the TSL Sports Complex, Cabalen/Noni and VisMinda/Satbahi won in separate games in the UFO Bud Cup caging, while the masters division of the Docomo Cup saw MDX/Armatech and Cabalen/Wings Travel absorb their first loss. Cabalen/Wings Travel first bowed to MDX, which then fell to VisMinda/PIAHI. These three teams are now tied for the masters lead with their similar 3-1 records.

Still at the TSL Sports Complex, the Rotary caging had its U19 and U15 games last week with Hi-5, Sonics, and Ol'Aces winning in the older age group and the 670 Rollers prevailing in the U15 division.

Two more competitions took place at the TSL Sports Complex—the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League and the opening of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic.

In the futsal league, Wild Bill's downed Go Green for their 11th win in 12 games to clinch the men's championship early. Shirley's A and B, and IT&E Awesome also won last week to boost their title bid for the women's division.

In the Shirley's Classic, competitions in the nine mixed doubles divisions kicked off with familiar faces taking the early lead in their respective group.

Members of the CNMI Baseball Team pose for a group photo with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, front row, center, his wife Josie, front row, second left, and other government and sports officials during a break in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

EMELINDA CABRERA

Players of the CNMI Baseball Team pose for a group photo while waiting for the start of their game against Fiji in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia last week.

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VisMinda/Satbahi's Marlon De Dios, right, challenges the defense of Bayani/Mobil's Jorge De Guzman during their game in the UFO Bud Cup at the TSL Sports Complex last week.

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Alvin Alvarez serves during his and Emily Vargas's game against Gary Bandoja and Oh In Sook in the mixed B doubles division of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic at the TSL Sports Complex last week.

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The Ol'Aces' Christian Devero posts up on Rollers 2's Rainer Deleon Guerrero during their U19 game in the Rotary caging last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Cabalen/Noni's Wowie Abuel goes up for a tough shot against two Ali'i Konflikt defenders during their game in the UFO Bud Cup at the TSL Sports Complex last week.

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Sports

'Pikaboo' takes featherweight crown

Trench Tech's Shane Alvarez works from the top position against Marianas Elite's Derrick Rangamar during their featherweight title bout in the Rites of Passage 11: Onra Saturday night at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort. WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

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The Trench Tech Purebred featherweight title bout between Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and Marianas Elite's Derrick "El'Peligro" Rangamar hands down stole the show in Saturday's Rites of Passage 11: Onra held at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

Both fighters went through five grueling five-minute rounds and in the end Alvarez survived with a unanimous win.

Rangamar led out with a kick at the start of the title fight, but Alvarez managed a take down and top position as they clashed soon after. Rangamar could not escape and Alvarez's ground game caused a small cut above his rival's right eye. Rangamar escaped briefly but was pulled back down and smothered until the bell.

In the second round, Alvarez quickly assumed a takedown for top position again, but stalled on the top and the referee stood them up. Then

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Filcag/Rollers on a roll in Docomo Cup

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Filcag Rollers notched their third straight win after beating AFP/Jets, 71-64, in the second game in UFO Inter-Organization Youth Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 on Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The victory also gave the Rollers a share of the lead with MDX, as these two teams hold similar 3-1 records. The Jets

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Filcag/Rollers' Leo Galarse sneaks into the basket during their game against the AFP/Jets in the UFO Docomo Cup on Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Blowout wins in Rotary U15 caging

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The Party Rockers, Proa, and the 670 Rollers bagged one-sided victories in the U15 games in the 20th Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Party Rockers routed Rollers Basketball Club's U12 developmental Ol'Aces squad, 57-16; Proa romped Kunoichi, 73-29; and RBC's 670 Rollers schooled little brother, Micronesian Brokers

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
The Party Rockers' Kriz Gozon drives against an RBC Ol'Aces defender during their U15 game in the Rotary caging last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Carey

Ji

New winners in Banzai run

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The 6th Annual POWERade Banzai Memorial Off-Road Half Marathon and Fun Run held last Saturday had first time winners in Keum Bae Ji and Mieko Carey.

Ji was the top overall finisher in the 13.1-mile flat and trail half marathon race from and to Banzai Cliff, timing in at one hour, 37 minutes, and 41 seconds. Ji has been competing in the annual event for the past years and had his best finish last year when he placed third behind three-time champion Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Cesar Danao. Kabiriel joined the weekend run, but did not finish for unknown reason. Danao also missed the early morning race.

After failing to join last year's event, Carey this time made it and was the first women to cross the finish line, clocking in at 1:50:46. She was third overall behind men's second finisher Butch Sublemente, who timed in at 1:39:17.

"It was muddy out there, but I had a good run and I am happy I was able to run this course this year," said Carey, who used the Banzai run to prepare for next month's XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii.

Sublemente will join Carey

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